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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



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They Grow So Fast!

It seems but yesterday that Becky and Gloria, Jim, George, and the other young people seen in the cover photo were "small fry." Just a little while ago they were singing action choruses in the Primary Department. Now they are students in high school or college, no longer children but actually taller than their parents—and much wiser, they think.

We are proud of them. We are pleased when visitors come to our church and comment on the many fine young people in our choir, orchestra, or congregation. We don't know of any place where a more promising youth group can be found than in our Assemblies of God churches across the land.

We welcome the rising generation to our ranks. They are just the reinforcements we need. The familiar saying, "Young men for battle, old men for counsel," certainly is true of church life. We older folk are losing some of our pep and we need the spiritual transfusion that youth can give to a church. The work of the Lord needs the enthusiasm, talents, and vigor of the C.A.'s.

When they were small we gave them careful training. We knew that as the twig was bent, so the tree would grow, so we helped them to conquer the bad habits and to form good ones. Today we see the results of that training and we know for a certainty that the scripture is true, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." We thank God when we see our young people's feet firmly planted on the path of righteousness—but we need to remind ourselves that we still have a duty toward the youth. It is our responsibility to keep the fire of God burning in our meetings. We must help the young people to enter into a life of full surrender to Christ. We want them to be Pentecostal. We want them to put God first in all things. Whether they do or not will depend, to a large extent, on us. They will follow our example. They will love the mid-week prayer meeting and will tarry at the altar if we do. They will be as zealous in soul-winning, just as sacrificial in supporting God's work, as we are.

The kind of homes our young people establish will depend on our own home life. Teen-agers are very conscious of whether or not we have happy Christian homes where there is harmony, love, and spiritual warmth. They will be impressed if we consider spiritual things so important that we talk about them at the table and have family devotions each day. Yes, the young people are growing up so fast. It will be but a short time until they have homes of their own. If you are fortunate enough to have young people in your home, you had better do all you can to influence them heavenward and to train them for God without delay—for the opportunity may soon be gone.

God bless our C.A.'s. The church needs them. God needs them. The world needs them. This is a day of loose living. Men and women are selling their souls for pleasure and ease with little thought of eternity. There is need of a great corps of consecrated, Spirit-filled "diplomats" who will arise and say, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ; we beseech you therefore, in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

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The Life That Counts

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LIFE IS A SERIES OF CHOICES. THE CHOICES
WE MAKE WILL DETERMINE OUR PERSONAL DESTINY.

THERE IS NO PLACE AS WONDERFUL as the center of the perfect will of God. Full joy and perfect peace come only from having our lives properly related to God and His purpose. All of our God-given faculties are peculiarly bestowed to bring glory and praise to Him who has created us in His own image.

Man has been given dominion over every other order of creation. He is to be master of all that he possesses. In no case should we become enslaved by things or possessions. Above all, God designed that man should be in perfect harmony with Himself so that unbroken fellowship may be enjoyed.

With all of man's God-given endowments, he is in possession of the high privilege of choice. Man is a free moral agent. He must make decisions that determine the course and destiny of his life. With the privilege of choice there comes a tremendous responsibility. Someone has said, "We are what we choose to be." In the final analysis, life is made up of a continual succession of choices which we must individually make.

The "set of the sail" of our life will determine the direction in which we travel. Regardless of the contrary winds that blow, we can chart a course of conformity with God's highest will for our lives. No one should be tempted to feel that he has been made a sport of circumstances. If within one's heart there is a desire and a resolve to do God's will, supernatural strength and courage will be given. A purpose of heart to do the right is the greatest force in all the world! There is enough strength in the weakest of us to do the right if we will but fix our hearts on doing so.

Daniel, though taken captive into a pagan land and removed from his home environment and influence, purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat nor of the wine which he drank. He was put to the acid test when by the king's command he was told to go contrary to his own convictions. One

could easily conclude that Daniel would have been justified in conforming to this command. Logically he might have said, "When you are in Rome, you must do as the Romans." He could have reasoned that he was in a place not of his own choosing in that he had been forcibly taken from home and thrust into this untoward situation. Yet, because he had in his heart a purpose to do right in any circumstance, he found the most normal thing was to maintain his standard of personal dedication to God and right. It never occurred to him to do otherwise.

Babylon in all of its pomp and power is gone and forgotten, but Daniel lives in each succeeding generation as a symbol of integrity and strength.

Scientists have told us that there is enough energy in a square acre of sunshine to burst the rocks into bits, if that energy could only be focused upon a given point. The diffusion of that energy makes it harmless. Let us not dissipate our strength. By focusing the energies of our lives upon the supreme purpose of doing God's will, we will discover how effective we can be.

The poet has said:

"I bargained with life for a penny—
And life would give me no more,
However I begged at evening
When I counted my scanty score.

"For life is a just employer,
She gives us what we ask;
But once we have set the wages
Then we must bear the task.

"I worked for a menial's hire,
Only to learn, dismayed,
That whatever I had asked of life,
Life would have gladly paid."

The glorious history of the life of Moses is written in most glowing terms in God's "hall of fame." In Hebrews

11:24-27 we read: "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible."

By faith in God, Moses saw the true nature of godless pleasure. He knew the emptiness of the pleasures of sin. He also was able to have an insight into the greatest of all treasures, the riches of Christ. He gladly esteemed reproach for Christ greater riches than anything which Egypt could afford him. 1 Peter 4:13 declares, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye, for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you; on their part He is evil spoken of but on your part He is glorified." By faith's keen eye Moses was able to see eternal rewards. For that reward he had a high respect. He refused to be detracted from the highest purpose that life offered to him.

Moses might have become a Pharaoh in Egypt. Instead he chose to turn his back upon every secondary interest of life and wholly do the will of God. We have the scriptural admonition in 2 Corinthians 6:17, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you." Moses did that. He obeyed God, and therefore was given a revelation of the Lord in all of His glory. "He endured as seeing Him who is invisible." By keeping this vision clearly before him, he obtained patience for the hour of trial and

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R. G. PUTNAM
Southern Missouri District
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GENE PUTNAM SAYS,

“WE SAW IT HAPPEN!”

GREAT CHRIST-CENTERED REVIVAL AMONG ASSEMBLIES
OF GOD YOUTH—1,615 SAVED—1,484 FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

THE SINKING SUN FLAUNTS BOLD streaks of red and gold across the western sky. The trees cast long shadows across the grounds. But inside the tabernacle the lights are on. The orchestra is playing, and the camp song leader is preparing to lead the song service.

Outside, modestly dressed young ladies are walking in groups toward the tabernacle, carrying Bibles under their arms. Young, ruddy-faced young men rush excitedly for the great meeting.

When the service begins, our hearts are thrilled as hundreds of youthful voices are raised in singing, “We are Christ’s Ambassadors.” The song fades away, and a crescendo of praise rises to God. The air is filled with *Hallelujahs* as Assemblies of God youth raise their hands and give praise to Jesus.

Now the youth camp orchestra and song leader set the pace; and happy, carefree voices sing, “Victory in Jesus,” “I’ll Take Jesus for Mine,” “I’m Going Through,” and many other camp favorites. The new friends, the Christian

fellowship, the adventure of another youth camp is an intriguing experience to Pentecostal youth.

In the summer of 1956 there were 65 Assemblies of God C. A. camps like the one just described. Altogether there were 11,035 campers participating in one of the greatest revivals in the world! There were 1615 saved and 1484 filled with the Spirit in these Youth Camps last summer—and these figures do not include the many Boys and Girls Camps for children below C. A. age.

Hundreds of C. A.’s pour through the camp cafeteria at mealtime. Rooms, tents, dormitories, and even private cabins are filled to capacity. Shouts of laughter and excitement ring out over the grounds. Handcraft rooms buzz; orchestra sessions sound off. Many a home run is hit on the ball diamond; many campers learn to swim; many new friends are made; many lessons are learned. Best of all, many souls are saved and many are filled with the Holy Spirit. The camp evangelist and teachers minister under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. After the rally, the

altar service may last until the morning hours.

What does all this effort accomplish?

Pastors are stirred as a result of this youth camp evangelism! It makes an impact upon the C. A. groups and the whole church. Pastor Bob Jones of North Torrance, California, relates:

“Months of careful, prayerful planning and preparation by the C. A. leaders of our district matured into glorious reality during our youth camp. Night after night I saw a dusty aisle and a makeshift altar become the road to freedom and a new life to scores of teen-agers. Night after night, while I stood among the sea of uplifted hands, I saw the development of future leaders in our churches—pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and laymen. Then to crown the experience, fourteen young people from my church were gloriously saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Today, seven months later, all fourteen are still saved and growing in Christ. As a result, our C. A. group has more than doubled, and more new teen-agers are being saved frequently. We owe all



Youth Camp, South Florida District

our C. A. growth to youth camp evangelism."

Campers are inspired! Youth camp evangelism makes a tremendous impact upon the camper. District C. A. President Kenneth Freiheit reports the following testimonies from campers who attended the Minnesota camp.

Jane Becker says, "Youth camp has helped me in many ways. I know that it has made the C. A.'s in our church a lot happier in working together for the Lord."

Delores Simon testifies, "I thank the Lord for filling me with the Holy Spirit in camp. The experience has been a real encouragement to me. It has helped me in my home to do and say the right things to my family. It has helped me to live up to my Christian testimony and to witness to my friends and unsaved relatives..."

Jim Krein tells us, "I went to Bible School as a result of Camp."

And Harvey T. Lewis states, "I was drawn closer to the Lord, and my hunger for more of the Lord was very much increased. The instruction that I received in classes was a great help in my daily life. I can still feel the effect of that wonderful week of camp."

Families are helped! Youth camp evangelism makes a real impact upon the family life. Chester Jenkins, District C. A. President of the Eastern District, gives one C. A.'s report:

"Before I went to camp I was most miserable. Even though I was trying to serve the Lord with my whole heart, life didn't mean much to me. Life was just as miserable at home as in school. My first thought was to end my life. Next, I planned on running away from home instead. But first I wanted time to be alone so that I could think.

"I had not planned to go to camp, but somehow the next week I was persuaded to go. About the third day of camp God came into my life anew and refilled me with His precious Holy Spirit; I shall never forget it! Since then I have had a joy and peace this world can neither give nor take away. I have a song in my heart both night and day—all because God led my steps toward youth camp."

Youth are dedicated, consecrated, and called to service for the Lord. C. A. President Roy Harthern of South Florida District believes in youth camp evangelism. Here is his report:

"Don was an outstanding and popular young athlete. Sports were a natural with him, and he wanted to turn pro—

after high school—that is, until he went to youth camp.

"At a C. A. Day banquet Don was persuaded by the C. A.'s to attend youth camp. Sure enough, he surrendered his heart to Christ on the first night. The second night, he was filled with the Holy Spirit. And before he left youth camp he felt the call of God to preach the gospel.

"Don immediately resigned from the school teams to give himself more time to earn money for the day when he could attend Bible School. The offer of college scholarships and pressure from the coach did not deter Don; God had talked to this fine young man at youth camp. Life for him has taken on a new meaning. He is now in his second year at SEBC in Lakeland, Florida, preparing to preach the gospel. For Don, and for hundreds of other young people, youth camp paid off!"

Youth camp is a retreat! G. A. Balius, District C. A. President in Alabama, quotes from Deloise Pigley:

"What Mt. Sinai meant to Moses, youth camp means to Pentecostal teenagers. It is a time to be away from the sin and turmoil of the world. It is a time to dwell in the holy presence of God. We left the camp with mixed emotions—sad because we were leaving a holy place, yet eager to share with others the wonderful blessings we had received at youth camp."

Camp-meeting days have always been a stimulus to any church movement. More than ever before, the people of the Assemblies of God recognize that youth camps are helping to evangelize this generation. W. O. Cox, pastor at Salem, Missouri, states, "Youth camp is the best thing we have for our youth."

Yes, it is true that not only the camper himself, but also the family, the church, and the pastor are recipients of the blessings of youth camp. As I minister throughout the Southern Missouri District, most encouraging reports are given which glorify Christ in the lives of His Ambassadors. Thank the Lord for the privilege of seeing this great revival in our generation. But the best is yet to come—this summer! ◀ ▶



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C. M. WARD SAYS—

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GOOD ADVICE FOR THE CHRIST'S AMBASSADOR ON HIS
PERSONAL LIBRARY AND READING HABITS

THE PLACE FOR A BOOK IN OUR home may soon vanish altogether, except for an occasional decorative purpose. Television is taking the place of reading as surely as the bus has replaced the streetcar.

Satan is carrying his all-out war against man's salvation to the theatre of the mind as well as to the areas of body and soul. He is destroying health and strength of mind by inundating this nation with cheap, inflammatory and pornographic literature. Authorities seem helpless to stem this evil flood, or to enforce laws which are designed to prevent such a plague.

Scurrilous and demoralizing propaganda, appealing to the lowest and basest instincts of fallen human nature, is pouring in flood-tide proportions from the presses of this nation. It is a major contributory cause to the growth of juvenile crime. *It is still true that to a great degree you become what you read.*

Here is a crusade offering a challenge to our Pentecostal army of Christ's Ambassadors! Here is a magnificent chance to light a string of bonfires from coast to coast, from border to border, and feed those bonfires with unworthy and debilitating books and magazines cleansed from our homes! Let's cauterize this open wound that festers in our nation today! Let's tell the public that there is one army of morally-minded young people who are dedicated to clean and inspirational reading habits!

An appetite for good reading must start early, or it may never start at all. My parents nourished me on Hurlburt's Story of the Bible—the sacred text done in story form. A chapter or two were read at the family altar, with additional chapters at bedtime. A love for the drama, adventure, biography, poetry, romance, history and prophecy of the Word gripped me then, and has never left me.

This was abetted by biographies of heroes and heroines of the Church, and by a fictional and non-fictional reading diet selected by my father mainly. My father therefore did two things for me: first, he developed in me a desire to read; second, he cultivated carefully in me a taste for good reading. No child can ever repay such a debt. So few parents think about the mental thirst of their growing children. Boys and girls are too often left without direction to pick their own reading habits, and become open prey for the devil to mislead.

So much more reading is available today than was available a quarter of a century ago. The paper-back or cheap reprint were practically unknown. So often the choice lay between the Elsie books, the Bobbsie Twins, the Pansy series and the Horatio Alger tales. Book clubs were unknown, and public libraries were scattered and far between. All this has changed. There is a wealth of reading material today, with bindings and reprint issues to fit anyone's budget.

When I read I feel that I have personal audience with someone who has left his or her mark upon history.

Vicariously I am associating with such a person. Through reading I can avoid his mistakes and emulate his virtues. Many times I read aloud for speech training. By such practice one becomes accustomed to the sound of his own voice and acquires proper phrasing and pronunciation. The art of public speaking is important in any profession or trade. It enables the possessor of such a talent to sell himself or herself to management. This is a wonderful by-product of a healthy reading habit.

In my secular field of reading the following volumes have been helpful to me. For human insight read Shakespeare. For character studies, descriptions of people you will meet every day on any street in America, read Dickens. For common sense read Aesop. I avoid Freud and Marx and Darwin and Huxley because they are filled with skillfully placed mental booby-traps. *"Doctrines of devils" often wear highly attractive jackets.* I have majored particularly in biography and history. Such reading affords a wealth of illustrative material, and fact is stranger and more exciting than fiction. I have endeavored to make a study of the lives of our American Presidents, and then to visit their homes and birthplaces. *Reading broadens your knowledge of many fields of human activity, and thus provides subject matter for engaging conversation that enables the reader to mingle freely and without embarrassment in the midst of any proper company.*

The mind needs rigorous exercise just as does the body. *A lazy, dull mind becomes a serious drag.* I find that I

must sharpen my mind frequently by determined reading—reading that is not easy—reading that I have an inclination to drop. This is the way to get rid of mental barnacles. It is good to read newspaper editorials and the opinions of syndicated writers. Otherwise you will find yourself glancing through your newspaper—stopping only long enough to note the headlines and read the funnies. *Such neglect will make the mind slovenly, and your conversation will reflect your state of mind.* Read worthwhile magazines like the U. S. News and World Report. Gather information and form convictions!

I have been careful to read our own Pentecostal literature, although discretion must be exercised here as well. Even in this field the flamboyant,

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RADIO NEWS FLASH

The following stations were added to the REVIVALTIME radio log beginning February 24.

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Today, Jim Bradley is a fervent

Christian and a witness for Christ. He is a businessman in Redwood City, California, and a member of the Assemblies of God church there.

C. M. Ward says: "I want my 'Evangeli' friends especially to have this book, FIVE TIMES REPRIEVED. This thrilling story is a real faith tonic. Almost everyone without exception has a loved one unsaved. I PREDICT THAT THIS BOOK WILL INSPIRE FAITH THAT WILL RESULT IN THE SALVATION OF HUNDREDS OF SOULS."

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HUMAN TORCH

A TRUE STORY BY
G. W. HARDCASTLE, JR.

Reprinted from "The Christ's Ambassadors Herald"



IN MY EARLY TEENS, I FELT THAT God wanted me in the ministry. However, having been raised in a minister's home, I saw disadvantages which I did not want to endure throughout life. Even though I appreciated and respected my father's ministry, I rebelled against the idea.

During my high school years, I was caught in a whirlpool of activity. My athletic and musical interests demanded most of my time. Eventually I was forced to sacrifice either my school activity or my Christian experience. It wasn't that my activities were harmful to my Christian testimony, but I had become so involved that I was neglecting spiritual matters.

I was miserable, for I realized that God was trying to deal with me. Greatly perturbed, I approached my father about the matter. "Dad, God has never spoken to me distinctly about entering the ministry," I said.

I shall never forget my dad's answer: "Son, maybe you are not in the place where God can speak to you." These words pierced my heart and convicted me. Dad was right.

After high school graduation, I decided to enter Texas A & M as a mechanical engineering student. My parents were pastoring in Houston, Texas at the time, so I traveled the ninety-eight miles home in order to sing in the church and direct the choir. Unconsciously, I was substituting this work in church for my call to preach. Every day I felt a stronger urge to give my life to the full-time ministry. It was impossible to dismiss this urge from my mind.

I became so involved in college activity that my visits home became few and far between. I started doing things that were not Christian. With a troubled heart, a perplexed mind, and a still small voice speaking to me, I was completely miserable.

In my mind, I debated the whole matter. I concluded that God needed laymen and Christian businessmen who could give their time, tithes, and talents to a local church and be a big help to the pastor. I thought I could get by doing these things, but getting by was not enough. Finally, I could stand the turmoil no longer. I ran from the chemistry building to my dormitory; and down on my knees, I wept my heart out to God. I received a glorious freedom and tranquillity in my heart such as I had never felt before. I returned to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where my parents were pastoring, and took a job while I awaited the fall semester to enter Bible school. My parents and my girl friend were thrilled at the dedication I had made to God.

Then the enemy applied the pressure again. I found myself doubting my call

to the ministry. I kept saying to myself, "You haven't heard God tell you to evangelize or pastor or teach. You can't preach—you're not cut out for that type of thing." The joy of salvation began to leave. My prayers were empty. My singing was hollow. My temper raged unchecked. My personality refused to be mellowed. My mind was a bitter battleground.

On Monday, July 18, 1949, I told my parents and my girl friend and her family that when the fall term opened I was going to return to Texas A & M to study engineering. This was a great surprise and disappointment to them, for they knew the price of not doing God's will. That evening my parents, with sad hearts, left for Oklahoma City for the district camp meeting.

The next morning, the crew from the electrical company, for which I was working, went to work on a new electric substation, running in new cables from the substation to a service pole over a block away. My foreman was up this pole, and he asked me to go to the station and help him phase out the new circuit. At the place where I was to do this there were nine circuits, which meant twenty-seven cables. These were grouped in three's and came out of copper buses from the breakers below.

After climbing to the top, I placed my right leg through the ladder and braced it against a steel beam that led straight to the ground. Around my neck was a battery tester which had two leads. This would put enough electricity in the dead cable to cause lights to shine over a block away (where the foreman was located) so the phases might be marked.

The foreman gave me the signal to begin. I took hold of the cable. To my horror, 4,160 volts held me in a searing, electrifying ball of flame. It happened that a crew had been working on the automatic breaker switch, which normally would have cut off the electrical current, so it was not operating at the time. Needless to say, I had grabbed the wrong cable.

The three 350,000 circular-mill cables split apart and began to whip like snakes. The flames they were spitting fused together and engulfed me. Not only did I get the voltage and the flames, but also the rate of amperage was tremendously high.

The blast was terrific! It knocked me backward, turned me over, and left me hanging head down by my right leg. It felt as though it was being burned off. My whole body felt like a piece of wax paper that had been thrown into a fire. Never had I felt such excruciating pain.

While I hung there, God gave me a picture of the masses of mankind standing close together until they covered the earth as far as the eye could see. I experienced the fear, anguish, sorrow, and pain which was written on their faces. (Since that time, I have felt that this was a reminder to me of the thousands who are slipping into eternity without God.)

After some time, two men came up to get me. I was screaming and crying the name of Jesus. The men had to let me down by my belt, for my flesh would have fallen from my body if they had touched it. Still conscious, I was placed on a canvas.

The ambulance arrived and took me to St. Edwards Hospital, Fort Smith. The emergency room was crowded with doctors, nurses, and men from the electric company. Then I realized my father and mother were in Oklahoma City, 205 miles away, at the annual camp meeting. With this in mind, I requested Dr. Ken Thompson to call Charles Fite and Darrel Hon, deacons in my father's church.

The moment Brothers Fite and Hon reached me, they asked the doctor if they could pray for me. The young doctor, who had seen the worst while in the Armed Forces, was ready to try anything. He had already told the men that it looked improbable that I would live. "He will be unconscious in three hours and will never regain consciousness unless he does briefly before he expires," the doctor reported.

These two godly businessmen cried

aloud to God in faith that the Lord would heal me.

Mr. Fite had not yet realized how badly my body was burned. I was totally black except where the blood had burst through the crust of charred flesh. He had laid his hand on my chest while praying. When he took his hand away, its print was on my chest, and my flesh was in his hand. He rushed to the telephone and called my parents in Oklahoma City. Immediately, a thousand people went to their knees in my behalf.

My folks hurried to the hospital in Fort Smith. As my dad entered he was met by a series of discouraging statements. "Reverend, we know that you and your church believe in healing. We will be honest and frank with you. If your boy lives, which is unlikely, he will probably have no use of his arms or legs. His ears, nose, and lips will be gone. You just wouldn't want this boy to live. There is a grave probability that he will be a basket case the rest of his life. He would be a drawn, distorted mass of flesh and an object of pity and mercy."

"Gentlemen," my father began, "not only am I going to pray that my boy will live, but I am going to pray that God will heal him completely."

My father and mother pressed their way into the room. For the first time, they gazed at the body of their son—burned to a crisp, almost beyond recognition. My head had swollen larger than a basketball. My upper lip was up over my nose, and my lower lip was down over my chin. My ears were hideously large, and what little hair remained on my head was matted on the seemingly bludgeoned scalp. A watery fluid was dripping steadily from all parts of my body until I wallowed in it. This yellowish-white liquid was blood without its color and flowed as a result of such terrible burns. The blood in my veins was drying to a powder. I had been swathed from head to toe in white vaseline and wrapped in pressure bandages, which were over an inch thick. A needle in each foot fed plasma and whole blood to my veins for sixteen hours at a stretch.

Never before had I felt pain so excruciating as during those days. Yet, through it all, my soul was busy with a prayer for God's mercy: "God, I am in a place where You just must speak to me. I deserve nothing from your hand; but if it be Thy will, let me live."

At midnight on Thursday (three days

after the accident), the doctor suggested that my family and friends get some rest. "We want you and your family to be prepared for the worst," the doctor added. "We will be honest with you—if your son's temperature goes one degree higher, it will be an impossibility for him to live. As you know, the third day is always the most critical time in such a case."

"Doctor, we will go only on one condition," my dad stated, "and that is if you will call us if anything happens, whether it be for better or worse." The doctor promised to call, so my parents went home—but could not sleep.

It was not long until the phone rang. "Reverend Hardcastle, you had better come quickly!" the night nurse exclaimed.

My temperature had risen two degrees. I was a raving maniac. The pain was unbearable. Feeling death creeping in upon me, I began to fight. My brother, my brother-in-law, another man, and two nurses were trying to hold me down.

When Dad, Mother, and my two sisters drove up to the hospital, they could hear me screaming.

"Dad, I'm doing my best to make it," I said.

"Son, by God's help you will make it," my dad said as he stepped toward the bed. He laid his hand upon my head and breathed a word of prayer. Instantly, I fell to my pillow and slept. My mother, standing directly behind Dad, began to cry, "My boy! He's dead! He's gone!"

The men who were in the room helped her to the corridor and laid her down. Dad knelt beside her. "Mother, 'G' is not dead. The Lord just healed him. You've got to believe, Mother."

Throughout the night, my family stayed at my bedside. I lay immobile. There was no sign of life. But as dawn broke on Friday, July 22, 1949, I awoke. "I've had the best night's rest that I've ever had" were my first words. "Reverend Hardcastle, it seems the boy is going to live," the doctor said. "However, you must remember that we have no idea what he will look like."

While lying awake through those dark hours, I dedicated my entire life to God. "Lord, if you will heal me completely," I prayed, "I will do anything or go anywhere for you. But Lord, I can't preach the fullness of your Word from a wheel chair. Lord, I won't

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THE \$100,000 QUEST

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL,

BY J. ROBERT ASHCROFT

THE AVERAGE COLLEGE GRADUATE earns about \$100,000 more during his lifetime than the average high school graduate! This points up the value of considering carefully what you are going to do after finishing high school. However, money isn't everything. A college career should not be decided upon solely because of a desire to make money. Rich rewards far beyond money accrue to the college graduate. A wise choice is vitally important. Your decision at this time is among the most important you will ever make.

You, in the final analysis, must determine what you want. But your parents, your pastor and other counselors can help you gather information on which a wise choice may be based. God has a plan for your life. Through prayer and careful consideration of the information available you will come to know the decision you must make. Avoid a whim as a deciding factor.

Too many make a decision on a whim of the moment, only to discover later on that time and expense have been wasted, and in some cases a whole lifetime of sorrow results from a hasty decision.

CHOICES

An opportunity to attend college is the privilege of almost every young person in our country. Then there are opportunities for training on the job in nursing, business education, or apprenticeships in skilled crafts. For those who must begin at once to support themselves, job opportunities are available, but a difficult decision is to be made. They may have to take their further training through correspondence courses of some kind. For young men there is the inevitable military obligation which they must decide.

WILL IT BE COLLEGE?

College is a must for almost every enterprise. You will be glad to know

that Assemblies of God schools are available to those who have decided upon a career and are ready to begin their first years of post-high-school education. Even though you do not know just what your future work will be, you will have a decided advantage if you attend an Assemblies of God school. You will be enjoying an enriching experience in the Lord while laying a good foundation for any other career you may choose. If you plan to enter the ministry you will want to enroll in one of our Bible institutes or Bible colleges. They offer excellent preparation for the mission field, pastoral or evangelistic work, and allied ministries in music or Christian education.

THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

If you have settled upon a profession demanding a college education, the Christian college is excellent! There you will develop a foundation for life as well as train in education, medicine,



Vernon B. Mayhall

AN EVENTFUL VOYAGE

BY DON GOSSETT

"Just as our ship sailed into Manila Bay in the early sunrise of the morning of February 28, 1954, the Lord gloriously baptized me with the Holy Spirit!"

This is the testimony of Vernon Mayhall, an outstanding young man who serves as CA President and the

Young Adult Bible class teacher at the Assembly of God in Live Oak, California, where J. A. Rogers is pastor.

"This climaxed two consecutive weeks of early morning prayer on the deck of our ship," Vernon states, "and it was a tremendous experience in my life."

Before joining the United States Navy, Vernon had been licensed as a lay preacher in a large Baptist church in Redlands, California.

"In September, 1953, we left the States en route to Sasebo, Japan. I was aboard an A030 tanker called 'The Chemung.' Two other Christians and I started having nightly prayer meeting aboard ship. By the time we reached Pearl Harbor, the prayer meetings were being attended by fifteen to twenty boys each night."

"When we left Hawaii, we were given permission by the executive officer to conduct divine services aboard ship. The Lord graciously blessed the services and several men were saved. When we arrived in Japan, these young men were baptized in water."

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WHAT?

law, science, or whatever your future work will be. An Assemblies of God school can be of service to you. You may be looking for a future in some foreign service. It is well to keep in mind that the Christian young person is chiefly concerned with serving his Lord, and not merely in preparing for making a living. To this end his college career will lead to a field of service that will give him opportunity to be a witness for Christ.

If you are serious about a professional career you will want to continue your education beyond college in graduate school. You can then earn an additional degree making you qualified to lead and serve in your chosen profession. If so, the Christian undergraduate school such as our own Evangel College, or the junior colleges associated with our Bible colleges, will be of utmost importance in laying a good foundation of Christian knowledge as well as general knowledge.

THE MILITARY

Young men graduating from high school must face a decision as to what they will do about their military obligations. Under present laws, if they have not already done so they must reach a decision at eighteen years of age when they are required to register for military service. What choice shall be made? You may be among those who are conscientious objectors to war. The Assemblies of God and the United States government have made provision for those with such convictions. They should consult with their pastors for guidance in this matter. Young men in training for full-time gospel ministry will also receive a classification exempting them from military service.

For those who do not elect the two foregoing options there are a number of alternatives which need careful study. They include the National Guard, the reserves of the military branches, the regular services, and the R. O. T. C. Careful evaluation of these possibilities is necessary. To do this you may consult with school counselors, recruitment officers of each branch, the public libraries, and those who have had experience. In any event, no decision should be made until all the facts are available. In most cases a college career will be possible without interruption providing the student maintains good progress in school.

A TEMPTATION

Some young people are tempted to postpone planning a career. They want to make some money, buy a car, relax from study. Others perhaps consider getting married. For those who have ambitions this is hazardous to a successful career, especially in the professions. Don't let the temptations of the moment allure you from the values of the future.

Take these five steps to a life of successful service for God and others.

1. Ask God for guidance in selecting your life's work.
2. Discuss your future with your parents.
3. Talk to your pastor.
4. Read the literature available in your library.
5. Write to the Department of Education of the Assemblies of God, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri for any information you desire in the field of education.

Your future is precious. You have only one life to live. Make the most of it by letting God lead you. ◀ ◀



"My first introduction to the Full Gospel message was at the Sasaabo Servicemen's Center, where a Pentecostal missionary told me about the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"I began to make a fresh study of the Bible and talked with other Christian sailors about the Pentecostal experience. The Lord helped me to open my heart to these wonderful truths of the Word, and I became convinced that I needed this endowment of power from on high, to be more effective for my Master.

"I was not without opposition to embrace this experience and be filled with the Spirit. When our ship arrived in Formosa, some missionaries met me and advised strongly against seeking for the infilling of the Holy Spirit."

"It was then and there that I made my decision to settle it definitely regarding the Baptism. I was the ship baker and I completed my duty each morning at three o'clock. For two weeks, while the ship was en route to the Philippines, I would go out on the deck of the ship at 3:00 a.m. to my place of prayer under one of the guns.

"I earnestly prayed for the Lord to baptize me with the Holy Spirit. I fasted several times for two days at a time.

"Then, on that unforgettable morning of February 28, 1954, God met me in an overwhelming manner. Just as the ship was coming into Manila Bay at early sunrise, the Lord filled me with the Holy Ghost and fire, with the

initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave me utterance! What a transformation it was for my life!

"I had never seen anyone receive the Baptism, but the Lord Himself demonstrated the fact that He still gives this same experience that the one hundred and twenty received in the upper room on the day of Pentecost."

In addition to his leadership work in the youth and Sunday School departments of his church, Vernon is the church song leader.

Now employed as a teller in a bank in Marysville, California, Vernon Mayhall plans to attend Bethany Bible College at Santa Cruz, California. He has dedicated his life to the gospel ministry.

Christ's Ambassadors as

JUNGLE EVANGELISTS

by P. Henry Hall, Peru

THE VAST JUNGLES OF THAT PART of the Amazon Basin located in north-eastern Peru present as formidable a challenge to missionary endeavor as will be found anywhere in the world. The beautiful green of the trees and clinging vines, along with the exotic flowers, belie the hostile, deadly character of this little-explored part of the world.

Large areas of this great green basin have never been visited by men of civilized countries. Only the feet of the wild Indian tribes tread the forest paths. As they move silently along the trails, they may be on the search for food, or even for human heads to be used in pagan rites and shrunk for keepsakes. Wife stealing or acts of vengeance may also occasion the movement in the thick jungle fastness.

Jose Dondoal, a C. A. and a graduate of the Assemblies of God Bible School in the capital city of Lima, far to the south, was destined to take the gospel message to some of these hidden tribes. God began to deal with Jose about this ministry during his years of study and preparation, but five years passed before he was able to answer the call.

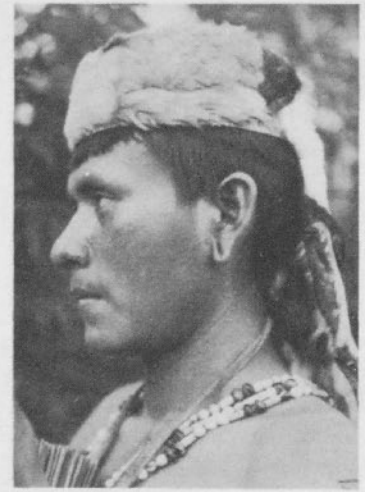
On June 27, 1952, Jose arrived in the hot, humid city of Iquitos, capital of all the jungle region in northeastern Peru. Backing from C. A. groups of

the Lima churches plus a small monthly offering from the field council enabled him to make the expedition.

He began his ministry in a jungle-style house, with rough plank walls, mud floor and thatch roof. Eight long months passed without a single conversion. His seeming inability to reach the hearts of these people made him feel his ministry was a complete failure. He was on the verge of abandoning his effort when, after spending hours in prayer, courage returned and he determined to go on with God's help until victory was won.

Then came the break! A woman from another group of Christian workers asked for prayer and was instantly healed of severe rheumatism. Her vision, which had been very poor, was strengthened and she laid her glasses aside after wearing them for thirty years. The community was stirred and almost immediately ten were converted. A new church was born and the victory won.

Leaving the church for a period, Jose journeyed upriver where he made contact with such tribes as the Chamas, the Colomas and the Cahuapaninos, all different, but all of a humble and friendly nature. They had had some contact with white men and had become somewhat civilized while retaining their tribal customs and dress. The Cahua-



A Masuto Indian

paninos especially listened to the message of salvation with interest and responded in a remarkable way.

Other trips were made, and with the help of an interpreter, Jose was received into tribal councils and preaching was permitted. These trips were made in a 21-foot dugout canoe driven by a 7½ horsepower outboard motor provided by friends in the U.S.A.

The latest and most extensive trip to reach these tribes was taken by Jose and Guillermo Vargas, and another C. A. who was also a graduate of the Bible School. Twelve weary days they travelled up the river to Lake Rimache, where several large tribes could be reached. They concentrated their work on the Muratos. Jose remained there two weeks and then returned to Iquitos with skins and other goods from the Indians. He traded these articles for cloth, salt and things the Indians needed to enable him to gain entrance to other tribes.

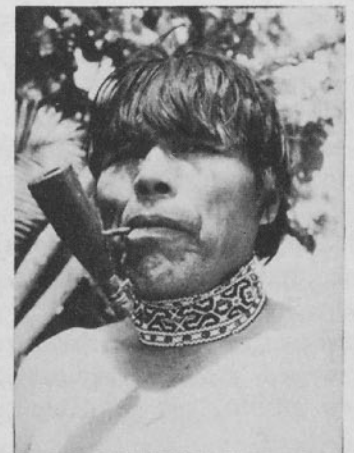
After a short stay at his church in Iquitos, he set out once more for the land of the Muratos, but halfway there the outboard motor burned out. Here



Jose Sandoval



Dugout canoe used by Jose on his expeditions



A Chama Indian

he was alone and heartsick in the center of a vast wilderness. There was nothing left to do but drift down the river with his heavily laden canoe. There was no way to let his partner know what had happened; nothing to do but drift. At times he was lost in a maze of waterways without a motor to help him find his way out. Five days and nights went by before he came in sight of Iquitos again.

A new motor was out of the question. There was no money to buy one. What of Guillermo who was still with the Muratos? It was impossible to get word to him explaining the trouble and delay. Here were two young men being tested in the work of the Lord—loyal C. A.'s who were proving that they could "take it" for Jesus' sake! Six months passed before



Jungle Indian with four wives. In this tribe, the groom must accept the bride's sisters as wives too.

Guillermo was able to come out on a raft that was being sent down river. During his stay with the Muratos, a real harvest of souls had been reaped and the Word of God had been sown daily.

Entire tribes are waiting for similar visits. Dedicated young men such as these two C. A.'s will be found to carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the jungle if we remain faithful in prayer and do our part to assist in the glorious work.

LIFE AMONG THE COMMUNISTS

Translated by
PAUL WILLISCROFT

This report is related by a young man who, like many others, had to flee East Germany on very short notice to avoid arrest by Communist authorities. He attended our Bible School in Western Germany and now is serving very successfully as pastor.

I learned the meaning of real freedom when I crossed over to West Germany to live. To be able to express the inner feelings and thoughts of my heart without fear of arrest was a relief that I cannot express in words.

I lived in the Eastern Zone of Germany for six and a half years after accepting Christ as my Saviour. And there I proved that the Lord upholds those who are out and out for Him, though it is not easy to be a warrior for Christ in that place. The net of sin is spread wide for young people and closes their minds to the gospel message. But added to this is the political influence and power. It is made to appear harmless but it possesses inestimable dangers even for the sincere Christian.

At one time I worked for a man who was in the secret police. He was friendly and spoke of the possibilities of my attending a state-sponsored college to be trained as an engineer. The State supports such an education in many ways. It was an enticing offer. Then I was told of the price I would have to pay: I would have to become active politically. The dream vanished, for my choice was and is Christ! I remained a poor laborer but rich in God.

A similar situation presented itself at another time when some police officers faced me with my future. They argued that a preacher had no future; that the idle, pious talk in the churches would soon die out. They insisted that I give my life to the service of the people and the rehabilitation of the Fatherland. Offers were enticing. But when I took a definite stand for Christ, the tone of the conversation had a decided turn. "Catch" questions were posed to me which gave me no little concern.

Then I was asked, "What is your stand with regard to the Soviet Union?" I realized much depended upon my answer. Many had been imprisoned for the smallest thing. One brother, for instance, was put in prison for distributing tracts that had been printed in the Western Zone. But the Lord helped me, and although I did not indicate any agreement with their political system, my answer satisfied them sufficiently that they allowed me to leave.

Witnessing for Christ successfully in the Eastern Zone is not easy. I talked to a zealous, full-fledged communist about the Lord and he gave a cynical laugh and mocked. I said to him, "I can understand your feeling well. No doubt I would think as you if I had only studied about religion, but I am a Christian because I have experienced what the Bible says, and no one can take that experience away from me." He became quiet and was in deep thought. As I left him he said, "If it is as you say, then you have more than I. You have a solid foundation that gives you an inner stability and rest, while I am in doubt about many important and urgent questions that I cannot solve." How true that is, for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

However, we did have some wonderful meetings in the East. Sometimes as we waited before the Lord in worship, some would break out in harmony of song in new tongues and the heavenly melody would rise to the throne of God. God manifested His presence in a special way in almost every meeting. At one time a sixteen-year-old girl was saved out of real darkness. At another time one possessed of demons was delivered. Often believers were filled with the Spirit and prayer sessions turned out to be hours long. One night a girl who had decided to end her life was reached for God. And so the blessing of the Lord rained down. Yes, even in this land of a thousand dangers where obstacles to witnessing for Christ are so many, the Lord is working in spite of all.

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Mary Kittick

TO BE SURE, LIFE FOR ANY ESKIMO who attends our Assembly here on this most northern tip of American territory, is different from that of people in other parts of the world. And thus it has been for an Eskimo C. A. named Mary Kittick.

Mary was born to parents who, like other Eskimos in this bleak and barren land, lived from what they could secure by hunting. To the American way of thinking it would be a meager existence. However, since there has always been an abundance of northern game, the Kittick family could be happy. On their table, each in its season, would be caribou, fish, ducks, whale, walrus, and seal. Much of the meat would be eaten raw and frozen, dipped in seal oil, and perhaps with a steaming cup of tea. Any of these meats made into a broth soup is also a favorite dish.

Life can be very simple without the care of linens, silverware, or dishes. All that is needed for an Eskimo table is one sharp knife which can be shared by the family to cut off a sliver of meat, and a dish for the oil, when "quauk" is on the menu.

Mary was twelve years old when we began to build the Assembly of God church next door to her home in Barrow, some two and one-half years ago. She was too shy to talk to these Tuniks (white men) at first, but later she overcame her fears and, because of a very great interest in spiritual things, spent most of her waking hours with us. When our home was completed, it was Mrs. Capener's privilege to teach Mary some of our American

This Eskimo C.A. Wants To Be a 'Real Christian'

Assemblies of God home missionaries find that the young people in their particular fields respond to the gospel, and that they make good witnesses among their own people.

BY ALVIN CAPENER, BARROW, ALASKA

customs and manners which are as common to us as walking, but which were all very foreign to her.

Mary was one of the first to accept salvation through Christ, and she was also the first to receive the baptism of the Spirit. Still later, she was the first to be baptized in water. Her baptism in the Spirit was like another Pentecost. A multitude gathered, running from every direction, to see and hear and inquire, "What meaneth this?" In explaining the experience I referred to Acts 2, asking them to read about it in the Bible. I also mentioned that she was speaking in a heavenly language, and because of this the report went around that she was changing into an angel.

Submitting to water baptism by im-

mersion cost Mary some persecution and much criticism, but she has consistently wanted more than anything else, in her own words, "to be a REAL Christian," so she has endured the trials.

Mary is a model C.A., we believe. Recently she began teaching a class of primary girls in our growing Sunday School of about 160. She is also one of a number of C. A.'s who on Saturday afternoons go from house to house inviting people to come to Sunday School.

In the darkness and sub-zero temperatures of winter, and in the bright light of the summer's continuous day, it matters not—we can always know that Mary will be at each and every service because she wants to be a REAL Christian.

Eskimo teen-agers in the Barrow, Alaska, Assemblies of God Church.



Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



PETER AND JOHN PERSECUTED

Sunday School Lesson for April 14, 1957

Acts 3:1; 4:1-13.

THE DISCIPLES IMPRISONED (Acts 4:1-4)

While Peter preached to the throng that had gathered as a result of the healing of the lame man (Acts 3:1-11), the ruler of the Temple, accompanied by infuriated and troubled priests and Sadducees, seized him and his co-worker John and threw them into jail. Why did they take such action? (1) Peter and John were exalting Jesus and teaching that He was the Messiah. (2) They were preaching the resurrection, a doctrine which the Sadducee party refused to accept. (3) They were winning converts so fast that the Sadducees feared the power of their political party would be broken!

Thus it was that for doing God's will and proclaiming His Word these men were imprisoned.

THE DISCIPLES ON TRIAL (Acts 4:5-20)

"By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" The purpose of this question was to cause the disciples to incriminate themselves. If they insisted that the lame man had been healed in the name of Jesus they would be accused of blasphemy!

"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them. . . ." Peter's reply was (1) *bold and unhesitating*. A few weeks before, Peter had declared positively that he was ready to go to prison for Christ (Luke 22:23); and instead he had denied his Lord. Now, he actually went to prison for Christ and was happy about it! How are we to account for the difference? He was filled with the Spirit! And here he receives a special anointing for a sudden crisis, just as Christ had promised (Matthew 10:19, 20; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:12; 21:14). The reply was also (2) *respectful and courteous*. The Holy Spirit will not inspire us to be discourteous, arrogant, or impolite. Though he was frank and forthright, yet Peter respected the offices of the rulers and elders.

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." In other words their accusers said among themselves, "Why, we thought we were rid of the Nazarene; but lo! He reappears in His followers! They are just like Him!" Consider the following lessons:

(1) *Consecration and education*. The religious leaders marveled that men so lacking in formal rabbinical education and social prominence could exhibit such poise, wisdom, and courage! We do wrong if we attempt to minimize the importance and value of education. God certainly has not put any premium on ignorance. Nevertheless, education has definite limitations. It has little value in the spiritual realm if it is not consecrated and mixed with common sense, spiritual insight, and simplicity.

(2) *We become like those with whom we associate*. The real reason for the courage of Peter and John was their spiritual communion with the glorified Christ. A very real association with a living Christ had transformed and revolutionized their lives. Such transformation is possible for all of us, for "we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Instead of saying, "What shall we do in the face of the facts," the Jewish Council said, "What shall we do to these men?" Too cowardly to acknowledge the truth, their only thought was to save face to protect their own reputation and position. A Christian must face truth and be true to it at any cost. Unwillingness to face truth is perilous (2 Thessalonians 2:10, 11).

"And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus." The Council thought they could at least prevent another miracle from happening by suppressing the truth which was instrumental in producing it. They might as well have tried to stop a forest fire with a watering can!

"We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." These are the words of men who felt a Spirit-inspired zeal in their hearts. There are times when silence is golden. There are also times when silence is sinful! Three factors caused Israel's prophets to speak for God: first, the knowledge that God had spoken (Amos 3:7, 8); second, an inward urge (Jeremiah 20:9); third, a burden and love for the people. For the same reasons no truly Spirit-filled Christian will refrain from witnessing for Christ!

—J. Bashford Bishop

MAN WINNING HIS ENEMIES



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**NATIONAL
C.A. DAY**
April 14, 1957

JESUS said:
Whosoever drinks of the water
that I shall give him shall never thirst.
John 4:13-14
**HAD A DRINK AT
THE WELL OF ETERNAL LIFE?**

The Assemblies of God believe in youth. On Sunday evening, April 14, the entire fellowship will honor the Christ's Ambassadors in national recognition of C. A. Day. Assemblies from the Atlantic to the Pacific will be conducting simultaneous youth rallies spotlighting the tremendous work of our 85,000 young men and women.

Perhaps one of the most spectacular undertakings of this youth army is the Speed-the-Light program in which they have invested nearly 2½ million dollars with which to supply hundreds of our missionaries in 69 countries of the world with radio, printing, and transportation equipment.

But the passionate determination of these young people to reach a lost world has not dimmed their vision for their own needy homeland. They go out faithfully week after week to hospitals, jails, street corners—wherever there is an open door to witness for Christ. They return to their churches with thrilling reports of glorious victories, the Lord working with them. This is the spirit of early Pentecost when converts "went everywhere preaching the word," when believers "spoke the word of God with boldness," "and with great power gave witness!"

This constant, unrelenting witnessing throughout the entire nation and to the uttermost parts of the world cannot be maintained in a careless, disorderly way. When our nation goes to war there are really two armies involved—the seen and the unseen. One army goes to the fighting front and the other stays behind to do the less glamorous work in offices, behind typewriters, filing cabinets, and planning rooms. The very hub of all this consecrated youth activity in our own fellowship is the National C. A. Department. It has the undramatic job of handling, recording, and disbursing the hundreds of thousand of dollars raised by the young people for Speed-the-Light, requiring the writing of nearly 11,000 letters each year.

The Servicemen's Division of the National C. A. Department published and distributed almost 200,000 tracts and Reveille last year, wrote 35,000 letters to servicemen, and maintained contact with over 1,000 chaplains and 120 pastors near military installations.

In addition to this Servicemen's literature, the C. A. Department published 550,000 pieces of literature, provided materials for C. A. Day, youth camps, college students, and TRACT-emphasis, developed and distributed organizational helps, and conducted the annual District C. A. Presidents Conference.

To keep our youth evangelism organized and advancing our National C. A. Department must have personnel to take care of endless details, offices in which to work, heat, light, desks, typewriters, stamps, and pencils. Our C.A.'s across the nation realize they could not continue as an effective body without the National Department, so they receive an offering once each year on C. A. Day to help meet the need. Thank God for our consecrated young men and women! Be sure to attend the C. A. Day rally in your assembly on Sunday evening, April 14.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS on the job at the Kern County Fair in Southern California. The C.A.'s of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Bakersfield, installed this attractive booth and reached 12,000 men and women with tracts and Evangs.



BEHIND PRISON BARS another group ventures. Their task does not end with the jail service. They will distribute tracts, give each man a personal word of encouragement, and return to their church for prayer.



ON THE STREET CORNER, with musical instruments in hand, a C. A. group reaches out to other young men and women with a positive message of the power of God to save.

EVEN AN IRON LUNG can be made more cheerful when a group of happy, singing young people gather around it. This is Pentecostal youth on the march, sharing their blessings with others.





THIS PRESENT WORLD

A Great Newspaper Bows to "Drink Dollars"

The *Chicago Daily News* has abandoned its 81-year-old policy of not accepting liquor advertising. Even though the newspaper will not accept hard liquor ads (only beer and wine), its change of policy is a blow to anti-liquor forces. The *News* seems to have been motivated by economics, eyeing its opposition, the *Chicago Daily Tribune*, which last year cashed in on \$490,000 in beer and wine ads.

Considering the misery and heartache caused by liquor, plus the heavy load placed on tax funds through alcohol-related crimes and alcoholism, it appears that the newspaper's slight gain will be the people's sad loss.

More Mothers Working—More Juveniles in Trouble

In the past eight years the number of married women who hold jobs has risen more than 50 per cent; the number of working mothers with small children has jumped by 66 per cent. Now, nearly 60 per cent of all women who work are married, and nearly a third have children under eighteen.

During the same period of time there has also been a rise in juvenile delinquency, undoubtedly caused in many cases by lack of a normal home life.

National Sunday School Week, April 8-14

FBI HEAD EMPHASIZES IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO DETER CRIME

In an article written especially for the "Sunday School Times," J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, points out the importance of the Sunday School in today's troubled world.

After assessing the problem of the fast-increasing crime rate, particularly among juveniles, Mr. Hoover states, "We are responsible for the [moral] climate in which we live. . . . We need no sheaf of statistics to make us aware of the growing scourge of juvenile delinquency or the developing blight of crime. One glance at a daily paper is enlightening on that score."

The veteran G-man singles out a cause of this crime by asking, "Are we directly at fault? What do the eyes of today's child mirror on the bookshelves of the corner drugstore, the magazine racks, on the cinema screen, and on television? Does he, perhaps, see violence and immodesty emphasized? Decency and honesty ridiculed? May he not, from what he sees and hears, assume that graft and corruption are normal incidents of daily living?"

Mr. Hoover first points to the value of the home as a combatant against crime, saying it should be a place where "faith, love, discipline, sympathy, and understanding form an island of security in an uncertain world."

What is the role of the Sunday School? Mr. Hoover answers by saying, "There is immense and vital power in the Word of God. But knowledge is needed to release that power. . . . It is through the Sunday School that the dynamic gospel which Christ brought to the world must be made accessible to new generations."

The respected law officer concludes his article by noting that if we are to change the moral climate of our land, "we must look to every spiritual weapon at our command. Certainly," he says, "the Sunday School is such a weapon."

Governor Urges Referendum on Liquor Question

North Carolina Governor Luther H. Hodges asked the legislature to authorize a state-wide referendum on the liquor question. Such a referendum is being sought by the Allied Church League and other groups.

Not in Any Shape or Form

Liquor-flavored toothpaste and rum-flavored candy would be outlawed in Iowa under a bill introduced in the state legislature by Representative Judson T. Perkins, a Methodist minister. "I don't want Iowans to develop a taste for liquor," the minister-turned-lawmaker explained.

Five Hundred Korean Churches in Fifty Years

The Oriental Missionary Society celebrates the 50th anniversary of its work in Korea this month. The Society has built approximately 500 churches and now has a fellowship of several hundred Korean pastors and evangelists active in South Korea.

Urges Greater Emphasis on Radio in Missions Work

A Lutheran missionary official, after a visit to Africa, called for a greater emphasis on radio broadcasting in missionary work. "In many areas," he said, "every second hut or cottage has a radio receiver." He admitted that Africa's wide diversity of languages is a major handicap, but pointed out that the Swahili tongue is used by more than 30 million Africans.

Tzeltal Indians Respond to the Gospel

After working among the Tzeltal Indians of Mexico for seven years, the Wycliffe Bible Translators report that more than 4,000 members of this ancient tribe have left pagan customs to follow Christ. The printing of the New Testament in the Tzeltal language by the American Bible Society has become an incentive for these people to learn to read and write, and many Tzeltals have become literate.

The results of the Indians' new religious faith are readily apparent. More than 700 civil marriage ceremonies have been performed, indicating a new desire to obey the laws of the country. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is down so much that those who sell it have had to find other ways to earn money. Because money which was once wasted on liquor is now being used for food, clothing, and other necessities, the standard of living has greatly improved.

Martin Luther Film Premiered in Milwaukee

The film "Martin Luther" had its world-wide television premiere in Milwaukee on Friday, March 8. It was released at the popular hour of 10:30 p.m. under commercial sponsorship by Station WISN-TV. The film, based on the life of the sixteenth century Reformation leader, became an object of controversy when Chicago Station WGN-TV cancelled the premiere which had been scheduled for December 21. Protestant groups have charged that the *Chicago Tribune* station yielded to Roman Catholic pressure to suppress the film.



Left to right: Cynthia Noonchester, student at Evangel College; Klaude Kendrick, college president; Richard Strahan, dean; Howard Noonchester, student.

GI's Now Enrolled at Evangel College

When Howard Noonchester and his wife Cynthia enrolled as students at Evangel College a few weeks ago, it was a historic occasion, for Howard was the first to enroll at the new college under the GI Bill of Rights. Howard, who hails from Ashland, Oregon, will major in mathematics and his wife will major in business.

Other students enrolled under the GI Bill are Warren Clark of Denver, Colorado, and Herb Murphy of Mount Vernon, Washington. By September the college expects to have twenty GI students and a total enrollment of 275 to 300.

Enrollment under the GI Bill became possible when the college was awarded certificate privilege by the University of Missouri. This recognition is based upon the excellence of the college program during the first two years of its operation. It means that students who successfully conclude freshman or sophomore courses at Evangel College are now able to transfer their credits for these courses to practically any college in the U.S., if they wish to transfer.

The curriculum will be expanded in September when third-year courses will be offered for the first time. Eight members will be added to the college faculty bringing its membership up to twenty-two. Full information concerning tuition rates and courses offered may be obtained by writing to the Dean of Admissions, Evangel College, 1111 North Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri. Applications are now being received for the fall term which will begin September 11, 1957.

Lovers of Pleasure

Americans are spending annually as much for hunting and fishing as they are giving for religious purposes. Late surveys indicate that both stand near the \$3,000,000,000-mark annually. But hunting and fishing are not the only pleasures of Americans: they spend \$1,407,151,000 annually in motion picture theatres; \$334,243,000 for golf; \$196,840,000 for bowling; \$74,981,000 for billiards and pool; \$53,410,000 for baseball; \$72,750,000 in dance halls; \$31,642,000 in skating rinks. And Americans spend millions of dollars on other forms of recreation.

Added to this, Americans tried to "drown their sorrows" by spending \$10,099,000,000 for alcoholic beverages during 1955.

Some said, "You can tell a lot about a man by the way he spends his money." Americans seem to be much more concerned over pleasure than they are about God. There is a boredom in their lives which they seek to satiate by doing things, never realizing that only Christ can truly satisfy.

Principal Links Personal Appearance, Behavior

Principal Edward Kolevzon of Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx, New York City, has decreed that none of the 3,700 students in his school will be admitted to classes if they show up in dungarees, T-shirts, kerchiefs, jeans, or pincurls. The principal based his action on his belief that carelessness in appearance reflects itself in poor behavior and a don't-care attitude. The 404 members of the school's Parent Teacher Association unanimously approved the new regulation and gave the principal a three-minute standing ovation.

Death Claims Three Well-Known Evangelicals

During one week in February, three well-known evangelicals were promoted to glory. They were:

Mrs. Billy (Ma) Sunday, 88-year-old widow of the famous evangelist. She died on February 20. She had been active until just recently in Youth for Christ and Bible conference work throughout the country.

Dr. Clarence E. Macartney, former moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA, and

pastor of First Church in Pittsburgh for twenty-six years. Dr. Macartney died on February 18 at the age of 77. He was a staunch evangelical, and wrote scores of books.

Dr. John E. Brown, Sr., who founded five educational institutions and who owned three radio stations. He died February 13 at the age of 77. John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, is the most noted of the institutions he founded. He was an active member of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Says Christians Don't Exert "Proper Pressures"

Former Governor Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey told some 4,000 Presbyterian laymen that Christians fail to exert "proper pressures" on government. He said that during his seven-year tenure of office as Governor "all kinds of pressure groups" attempted to influence his decisions, "but never did the Protestant churches seek to influence my decisions."

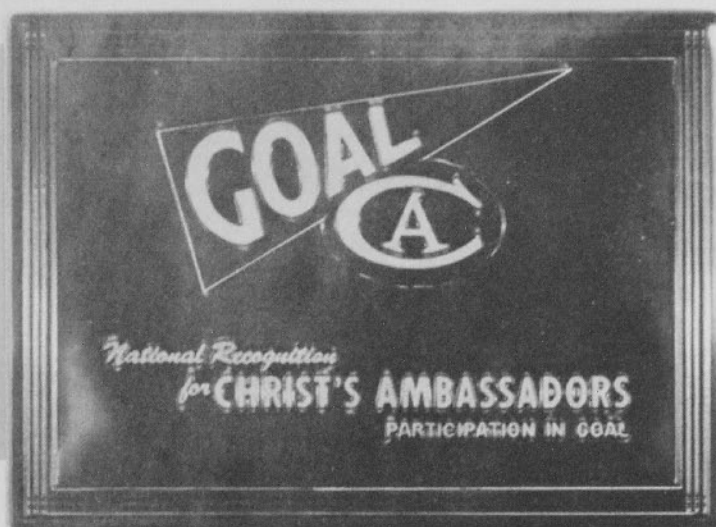
Mr. Driscoll stressed that he was not encouraging churches to form lobbies; but he observed that churches ought to express their approval or disapproval of government actions more often. He called upon the churches to "exert an influence for good."

New York Court Upholds Rights of Majority

A Supreme Court justice at Albany, New York, refused to order the State Education Commissioner to delete the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag that is recited in the public schools. He ruled that while the First Amendment guarantees a citizen's "right to disbelieve," it gives the disbelievers "no preference over those who do believe in God and who, in pledging their allegiance, choose to express that belief."

Canadian Church Opposes New Sunday Paper

The Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada, largest Protestant body in that country, denounced plans of the *Toronto Telegram* to publish a Sunday edition of the newspaper. The board said that if the *Telegram* went ahead with its plans, it would ask the Ontario Attorney General to prosecute, under Canada's Lord's Day Act, anyone who sells the paper.



A Blueprint for C.A. ACTIVITY

BY DICK FULMER, NATIONAL C.A. SECRETARY

Special GOAL award is available to each C. A. group. A bar will be added each year denoting the group's achievement.

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE WORTH of a blueprint. Few laymen fully appreciate these rolls of colorful paper with meticulous lines. The craftsman, on the other hand, would be utterly lost without them. They keep him from costly trial-and-error in his pursuit.

Detailed instruction and guidance have constituted the greater portion of God's Word. It is in essence a blueprint of God's plan of redemption. Men have been inspired by the Word in every generation. In our age it is particularly significant that the church has been contracted or licensed to build a spiritual kingdom through the influence of its many members—members who are spiritual, zealous and trained.

GOAL has come into existence to meet a specific demand. It is the long-awaited-for blueprint for the youth activity in our Assemblies of God fellowship. It is carefully designed to take the "miss" out of a hit-and-miss program. With the experience of hundreds of local and district C. A. leaders, certain lines of direction have been drawn.

During the past year GOAL has left the drawing-board stage and has gone into the field for practical use. C. A. groups in every section of America have found the objectives of GOAL to be practical and helpful. Churches of larger or smaller proportions find GOAL equally beneficial. With these months of marshaling forces behind us, we are now ready to launch a full-

scale, long-range program to conscript and train more and more of our young people to help fulfill the Great Commission.

What does GOAL mean?

It is a goal for annual group achievement. There are twelve steps that the C. A. group must achieve in order to score 100 percent.

Steps 1 and 2 help in the development of leadership by requiring proper assignment of responsibilities. Every C. A. member becomes a responsible participant in activities that will prepare him for service and leadership in the church.

Steps 3 through 7 require character-building projects for the group. A balanced program of activities, properly planned over a period of time, will assist in the formation of good, sound spiritual character.

Steps 8 and 9 require the C. A. leaders to provide opportunities for service and evangelism. Here many C. A.'s witness for the first time in a group attempt to win souls.

Steps 10 through 12 teach co-operation with other phases of the church program.

Whom does GOAL benefit?

More than any other, it benefits the individual C. A. He is more consistently and properly provided with a planned program with definite and well-defined objectives.

The C. A. president and C. A. officers may be more conscious of the benefits of GOAL. They are the ones who carry the burden of planning and directing the C. A. activities. With yearly objectives clearly set forth, as they are in GOAL, even a new officer is more apt to fulfill his responsibility. It is spelled out for him. The fact that other groups are being measured by the same set of standards may give him much needed incentive.

Pastors, C. A. counselors, and ministers of youth find that GOAL fulfills an important need in the area of leadership training. A recent survey made among Assemblies of God pastors revealed certain weaknesses in C. A. leadership. The pastors frankly stated that the average C. A. leader does not employ a variety of ideas and subjects. C. A. services tend to be stereotyped. The average C. A. leader, they say, has the capacity and the potential to be a good leader, but he is untrained and uninformed as to his responsibilities and opportunities. Very few work out a set of objectives or plan a long-range program. They often do not realize the importance of the C. A. work as it is related to the church. The leader's attitude is apt to be that C. A. activity is more for fun.

A close examination of GOAL will reveal that most, if not all, of these factors are met head-on. A church as a whole stands to benefit immensely from a more systematic approach to youth as required by GOAL.

Who is responsible for GOAL?

The primary responsibility rests upon the pastor or the adult C. A. counselor. In churches where a minister of youth is employed, this would be his responsibility. In the average church, however,

the pastor and counselor will direct the C. A. president and the C. A. secretary in launching this program. If there are other officers, they should also be included on the C. A. executive committee.

The C. A. officers will plan the various activities according to GOAL requirements. The C. A. secretary will keep a weekly record of the activity. A GOAL Record Book is available from the Gospel Publishing House for this purpose (catalog #7-5257; price 40c). The actual responsibilities are little more than ordinary, logical steps.

C. A. leaders have already responded enthusiastically to these helps. They realize that a leader who has a plan and purpose will also have followers. *How does GOAL work?*

As previously explained, the pastor and officers can begin GOAL participation at any time. At the end of each year (December 31) the secretary and the president complete an annual GOAL Check, a questionnaire form found in the GOAL Record Book. They send the duplicate copy of this form to the district C. A. president, who in turn collects the others of his district and sends them all to the National C. A. Department in Springfield, Missouri. These are checked for proper grading. An "Award of Merit" bar is then sent to the local C. A. group. A large star on the bar bears a year and color designation. The color indicates the annual GOAL score (see diagram).

The basic bronze plaque (see picture) is intended to last several years. In rich bronze metallic tones, it will indicate to all the church that the C. A. group is voluntarily graded according to a national standard. The bars, to be added each year, will indicate achievement at a glance.

The plaque, though expensive by any comparison, is being offered free to all organized C. A. groups in order to encourage participation. The National C. A. Department has of necessity limited this offer to pastors only. In return, the Department has requested an offering from the church on National C. A. Day and a pledge from the pastor that he will direct the participation of his C. A. group in GOAL.

The entire GOAL undertaking is blessed with plain simplicity. With just a little encouragement, officers and groups can measure their success or failure by this standard "blueprint."



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Where does the Bible say that a soul is worth more than the whole world?

It does not say this in specific words, but it does say, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). Since we believe that the soul is eternal, while the world is but temporal, we say the soul is of more value than the whole world.

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Are there degrees of sin?

I believe there are; and the degree is most probably determined by the amount of light a person has. When the Lord instituted the sacrificial worship in Israel He made provision for atonement for sins of ignorance. Yet there were sins which required the death penalty. In the New Testament we learn that "that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes" (Luke 12:47, 48).

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Please tell me how to be satisfied with Jesus.

If you love a person with all your heart you are satisfied with that person. You do not want to keep company with those whom that person would disapprove, or to do anything which he feels to be wrong. If you love Jesus with all your heart then you are satisfied with Him and content with His will concerning you. You wish always to do those things which please Him.

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I have been disturbed through a sermon on the text, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Am I to reap the consequences of sins which I committed before I was saved?

When God saves a soul through the atoning merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, the past record is blotted out and "there is therefore now no condemnation" (Romans 8:1). At times we may be tempted to grieve at the things we did before we were saved; but we must not

dwell on the past. Jesus said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). Our place of safety and security is in the atoning merit of the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

There might be some ill effects from a wicked past, even for the Christian. One who has ruined his stomach with whiskey might be a sufferer from stomach trouble unless God heals him—but that need have no effect on his soul.

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Does the warning, "I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:16), mean that a person who has become lukewarm cannot get back to God?

This verse shows how much the Lord hates formal religion, a religion without holy living and without the fervency of the Spirit. It does not mean that the one who is lukewarm cannot get back into spiritual fellowship with God, for the Lord exhorted these lukewarm ones to "buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed." He wanted them to return to deep, sincere living and worship.

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Can a person be saved while using tobacco?

In my opinion that depends on the light which the person has. If he has the conviction that the use of tobacco is wrong (and I thoroughly believe it is wrong) his conscience cannot be satisfied so long as he continues to use tobacco.

This would be equally true concerning other things. Whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we are commanded to do all to the glory of God. If we wish to be true followers of the Lord we must give up anything which we believe does not glorify God.

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Question," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).



DOES YOUR CHURCH Make Room for Youth?

BY VERNON McLELLAN, Editor C. A. Herald

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID RECENTLY, "The moral destiny of our nation is in the hands of our young people." If America is to be a righteous nation, exerting a godly influence in the world, the young people of today must be given spiritual training and spiritual tools with which to fill the important role that is to be theirs tomorrow.

I wonder if our Assemblies are doing all we can to help our young people. I decided that a good way to find out would be to talk to some of our young people, so I interviewed five of them in a group. All of them shall remain unidentified so that no reflection can be cast upon their church, pastor, city, or even their state.

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The first question that I projected was, "Do you think the program in the Assemblies of God churches today is sufficient to meet the need of our youth?"

Beatrice, a college freshman, felt that in some large churches the need is being met successfully because an assistant to the pastor devotes time to this. But she thought that in the average church the youth program is too limited. "Our parents and church leaders emphasize

that young people be saved and filled with the Holy Spirit—and rightly so. But," she added, "other phases of youths' lives need attention, too. The social phase, for example."

Dan, a college sophomore, agreed with this. "I don't like to admit it, but I backslid for a time," he said, "and I think a lack of social life in my church was to blame indirectly. Regular fellowship gatherings are essential for the proper development of young people."

He referred to a church which gives each of the deacons a particular department of the church to supervise. The deacon overseeing the youth program is a big boost to the youth of the church, he said.

"In so many cases, church leaders have not taken advantage of the ideas provided by the National C. A. Department," Dan added. "For instance, only about 25 per cent of our C. A.'s read the *C. A. Herald*."

Nola said that if the youth of today are the church pillars of tomorrow, they need activity which will develop leadership. "The Missionettes, a girls' missionary club, was established in our church about a year ago, and it has

made a tremendous contribution to the girls' spiritual lives," she reported. "Say, when is a missionary club going to be organized for teen-age boys?"

Jack, a married man, agreed that C. A. leadership could be improved in many churches. If C. A.'s are to grow in Christ, well-equipped leaders will need to instruct, inspire, and guide them, he said.

An interesting music program in the church will appeal to youth. Nola mentioned a pastor who formed and directed a youth choir. The youth in this choir are happy; they're spiritually aggressive, and they feel important in the church.

Jane, a high-school senior, observed that a more extensive program to cover more areas of youth interest should be developed. And, she added, we ought to *accentuate the positive*. She thought it wasn't enough to preach a long list of *don'ts*. C. A.'s need some *don'ts* but they need some *do's* too. They simply must have some activities to keep them busy and interested.

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When I asked the second question I was swamped with comments. "Do Assemblies of God pastors give enough attention to the youth in their churches?" I asked.

"I admire pastors," Jack said warmly. "They are expected to fill such a variety of positions in the church. I honestly believe most of the pastors want to get next to their young people but they don't seem to have time. Because of this, they miss some golden opportunities. Actually the young people, and particularly the teen-agers, need the pastor's help more than any other group. I think he ought to *make* time to be with them."

Dan felt that the pastor needs to mix with his young people. "Just dropping in on youth functions would help a lot," he said.

"And if the building program hinders the pastor from associating with his young people, something's wrong," he added. "On one occasion when I desperately needed personal guidance, my pastor was unable to see me because his schedule was full. I was really disappointed!"

Recently, some missionaries of a false cult bombarded two new Pentecostal converts and greatly confused them with their dangerous doctrine. When the young people consulted their pastor for advice in counteracting the outrageous claims of the cultists, he just

laughed it off by saying, "There's nothing to it. Don't pay any attention to them."

The young people were earnestly seeking the truth and they wrote to the General Council headquarters in Springfield for some answers. How much better it would have been if the pastor had given them the sympathetic assistance they needed.

"Some pastors are awfully stern," said Jane. "There have been times when I've had a spiritual question or problem, but I hesitated to go to the pastor for I felt he would condemn me for even thinking such a thing."

But most of the young people put in a good word for their pastors. Beatrice recalled the time her pastor asked the young people to submit questions they had regarding their everyday lives. On the following Sunday the pastor came to the C. A. service and discussed several of these questions. "It was a terrific idea," she said. "We appreciated it immensely."

Another said the C. A. group recently asked their pastor to speak on the subject, "Courtship and Marriage," in three C. A. services. From all comments, the youth received a great deal of practical benefit from these special sessions.

The youth agreed that up-to-the-minute information about vocational guidance, military service, and other subjects pertinent to youth will put the pastor in a top spot in the hearts of his C. A.'s.

Nola complained that some of our pastors still frown on any form of higher education. She pointed out that with more college students enrolled every year, competition for secular jobs is getting more intense. "Why should Assemblies of God young people be discouraged from improving their knowledge so that they can hold important positions and thus be a more effective influence for Christ?" she asked.

III

The third question I raised was this: "Do Assemblies of God youth have sufficient opportunity to participate in the church services?"

"In the C. A. service, yes," said Nola. "But not in the other services. Often the old folk hang on for dear life to positions which I think the young people could fill more efficiently. I believe every young person in the church should have some responsibility, even if it be small. By keeping a watchful eye for new youth talent, the pastor

can increase youth interest and provide variety in the services."

Jane quickly pointed out that the youth held most of the public positions in her church. The reason is that the pastor is young and naturally he has a following of talented youth. The organist, the pianist, many of the Sunday School teachers, and even a few deacons are of C. A. age.

"I don't think the older folk are entirely to blame if the youth don't participate more in the meetings," stated Jane firmly. "There are times when youth refuse to take advantage of opportunities, such as visitation assignments. If they prove their sincerity by doing more of the behind-the-scenes work for the Lord, they will be asked to do the more prominent jobs."

Jack told how the deacon board provided opportunities for the youth in one church. They authorized the purchase of a bus which the youth could use in conducting gospel services in smaller churches, outstations, etc.

Beatrice said that youth need opportunities to sermonize, too. She suggested that the pastor might encourage up-and-coming youth speakers to deliver a sermonette occasionally in the evangelistic service on a Sunday night.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU READ

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the unsubstantiated and the incendiary are pouring forth a cataract of glossy media. In our own youth field the Holy Spirit is providing for us better and sympathetic writers and bold and creative editors. *Our leaders realize that any vacuum is a standing invitation for any unclean spirit to find seven more devils and then set up housekeeping*, so more effort and investment are being directed toward supplying suitable reading for the youth of our Movement. Here is a wonderful ministry that calls for volunteers from among our C. A.'s! *Why don't you offer yourself to God as a writer?*

The Holy Spirit spoke to me long ago to read what my brethren write, and which appears in The Pentecostal Evangel, C. A. Herald, C. A. Guide World Challenge. The Spirit said to me: "When I take time to inspire your brethren and give them a message, I

Dan said there are many things the C. A.'s can be asked to do—ushering, providing musical selections, giving a testimony, participating in Bible quizzes. "The pastor certainly can create interest among the youth of his church if he will give them something to do," he said.

All five C. A.'s agreed that if young people are made to think they are wanted—and needed—they'll be eager to work in the church. They recommended that in every church there be a committee consisting of the pastor, the C. A. executives, and an adult layman (possibly from the deacon board) who can plan together and create an attractive youth program. Such a committee will break down the adult-youth barrier, clear up misunderstandings, and come up with some worthwhile projects for the young people.

After all, the C.A.'s are important people. The older folk realize this, of course—but the young people may not be convinced of the fact. They think that if the church fully understands their problems it will help them develop a complete youth program, and such a program in their estimation should include wholesome activities on every line—social, recreational, and in his heart so is he." ◀◀

want you to take time to read what I have to say through their pens." Thus I faithfully read our own literature. Books like "Ever-Increasing Faith," "With Signs Following," and "The Spirit Himself" have helped me immeasurably. *Every C. A. should be ready to give a reason for the hope that lieth within you.* You should know what you believe, and why you believe it.

I do not think we should excuse ourselves if we read what is vulgar and sordid by calling it "realism." If we reject soiled clothing and linen, and avoid questionable food and foul air, should we be any less careful about what we put into our minds? Let us choose our library as we do our wardrobe and our home furnishings, and with a feeling that we would not be embarrassed should Jesus Himself look at our bookshelf!

Your books are your friends. You are known by the company you keep. "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." You essentially are what you read. Watch your mental health! "For as a man thinketh intellectual, as well as spiritual." ◀◀

WINNING YOUNG ADULTS

NEIGHBORS WHO WILL NOT DARKEN THE DOOR OF
A CHURCH MAY BE WON TO CHRIST IN A DEDICATED HOME

By **Mona E. McKeown**

ABOUT 3:30 ON A BRIGHT, WINTER Sunday afternoon in a mid-western town fifty-five young adults were crowded into the living-dining room, into the kitchen, and into the bedroom of one of the homes of our parish.

As I looked at this fine group of young adults I was thrilled with the sight of so many unsaved ones in their midst. I could hardly believe my eyes!

The week before, while calling in the community, I went to the home of a young mother who had attended Sunday School and church in her youth. She acknowledged her spiritual need and said, "Many of my friends feel the same way. We get together on Sunday afternoons but our conversations and our get-togethers are not always profitable. Can't the church do something to help us? Since our husbands are home on Sunday afternoons we feel that that is the best time to meet. Couldn't we have a good time of singing, discuss our problems, and have someone speak to us? If so, we could invite our unsaved friends. I will be glad to contact the young adults in the community where I live if the church will lend a hand."

I offered the parsonage as a meeting place, but she thought some might be "parsonageshy." However, the suggestion to meet in the home of a middle-aged couple, greatly interested in young people, met with her approval and I left her home with my mind and heart full, burdened and happy.

The home suggested was available and that week the church went to work in behalf of the young adults. The teacher of the young adult Sunday

School class, a young physician, contacted those in his class and this young mother wrote notes inviting all the young adults she knew to the "Sunday afternoon fellowship." She even secured a committee from among her friends to provide sandwiches, cake and coffee, and arrangements were made for two teen-age girls to care for the small children in the basement of the home.

The program was planned but proceeded informally. The young physician led the group in familiar songs and choruses. After a time of prayer and special music, a visiting minister spoke to the group for about thirty minutes. From his heart he urged these young people to give God a chance in their lives, to establish the family altar, to reckon with their influence upon their young children. A spirit of real worship and Christian fellowship pervaded the place. At the conclusion of his message, someone started the song, "Let Him Have His Way With You," then they broke into friendly chat while the committee served the refreshments.

The second Sunday the group met in another home. This time there were not quite so many as the first time, but the rooms were filled. They felt that this type of meeting was so worth while that they selected a chairman to give it direction. Then the minister gave a very down-to-earth challenge. At the close of his talk he asked if any would like to give their lives to Jesus. The hungry-hearted young mother who had started the group meetings stood and said, "I want to be a Christian." The minister said, "Kneel right there by your chair and pray." Then another

confessed a need, followed by another. What a prayer meeting we had that afternoon!

Through the Spring the young adults continued to meet. There were speakers, discussions, singing and praying. There was a spontaneous revival right in our midst!

I moved from this community during the summer, and at Christmas time the following note came from that young mother, who had at first felt her need for a spiritual awakening, "I want you to know I love the Lord and I'm doing my best, with His help, to serve Him. I want and need your prayers. I believe I am past the infancy stage in growing in grace. I am not ashamed (or not afraid, I should say) to talk about Him with others."

This kind of revival can be a part of every church's life if we love our neighbors and dedicate our homes to Christ.

For the Junior Reader

A BIBLE STORY HOUSE

by L. L. WIGHTMAN

Let's build a house—a Bible Story House. By that we mean that each part of the house will be associated with some story in the Bible. After each part of the house listed below, you will find listed one or two Biblical incidents. You are to recall these stories and thus build your Bible Story House. If you have trouble remembering the story, the reference is given so that you can look it up in your Bible.

(This same quiz can be used profitably in young people's meetings. The leader should read the part of the house, and ask the group to give any incident they can remember associated with that part. If they have difficulty, he can give the "hints" located under each part.)

1. PORCH

(Healing of the impotent man, John 5:1-15; miracle at Solomon's porch, Acts 3:1-11)

2. FURNACE

(Three Hebrew lads and the fiery furnace, Daniel 3)

3. WINDOWS

(Daniel and his open window, Daniel 6)

4. DINING ROOM

(Belshazzar's feast, Daniel 5; supper at Bethany, John 12:1-11)

5. BEDROOM

(Elisha restores life to the Shunammite's son, 2 Kings 4:18-37)

6. KITCHEN AND SITTING ROOM

(Martha and Mary, Luke 10:38-42)

7. ROOF

(Healing of the palsied man, Mark 2:1-12; Peter's vision while on the housetop, Acts 10:9-20)

This is just the beginning of building your Bible House. How many more parts can you think of that are not listed here?

Make the House a Home!

A house may be destroyed, but no power on earth can destroy a true home. Not even death itself can sever the happy relations of hearts joined together in this sacred fellowship.

I read the other day that the beautiful home of So-and-So had been completely destroyed by fire; but such a statement could not really be true. Fire cannot destroy a home. It may completely destroy a house; but many a man who has looked upon the smoldering ruins of his house, and thought of the priceless things consumed, has been able to gather his loved ones in his arms and say, "Thank God, our home is not destroyed." Then he has taken them, together with all the sacred memories which the ruined house once sheltered, and has re-established his home in another house.

Only one calamity can destroy a home—the death of love. When love dies, the home is in ruins, and all the material riches, successes, and pleasures of life cannot make up for it.

—D. W. Ferry

A HAPPY HOME

Home is more than a house to keep out the cold. As Madame Schuman-Heink said, "It is the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father."

Home is the "warmth of loving hearts, the light from happy eyes, kindness, loyalty, comradeship. Home is the first school and the first church for young ones; where they learn what is right, what is good, and what is kind; where they go for comfort when they are hurt and sick; where joy is shared and sorrow eased; where fathers and mothers are respected and loved; where children are wanted; where the simplest food is good enough for kings because it is earned; where money is not so important as loving-kindness; where even the teakettle sings from happiness.

"That is home—God bless it."

Such a home is possible only when father and mother love the Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to govern their lives and their home by the Word of God.



Our Family Altar

Monday, April 8

Read: John 7:10-24

Learn: "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24).

For the Parent: Point out that there was a division among the Jews as to the claims of Jesus. Some believed Him; some didn't. Show (1) how we can know Jesus is the true Son of God, v. 17; (2) the importance of evaluating things correctly, not from what they may appear to be, vv. 21-24.

Question Time: What feast of the Jews was celebrated at this time? (v. 2) What did the people say concerning Jesus? (v. 12) How can we know that Jesus' doctrine (teachings) is true? (v. 17) Why shouldn't we judge by appearance? (1 Sam. 16:7)

Thursday, April 11

Read: Acts 3:1; 4:1-13

Learn: "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Peter and John Persecuted" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) The occasion for this persecution was the healing of a lame man and his subsequent witnessing for Christ. Point out that our obligation to obey our rulers ends if they command us to do something contrary to God's Word (vv. 18-20).

Question Time: What miracle was the occasion for this persecution? (Acts 3:1-11) Why did the rulers of the Jews oppose them? (4:2)

Discuss: How are Christians persecuted?

Tuesday, April 9

Read: John 7:25-36

Learn: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

For the Parent: Briefly review yesterday's reading of Jesus' discussion with the Jews. Today's scripture continues that discussion. The idea expressed by Christ is that because these Jews do not truly know God, they cannot go where He is. Jesus is the only way to heaven.

Question Time: Did all the Jews disbelieve in Jesus? (v. 31) Why did the Pharisees send officers to Jesus? (v. 32) What do you think is meant by the expression, "His hour was not yet come"?

Friday, April 12

Read: Luke 15:1-10 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

For the Parent: Review both parables, pointing out particularly how they illustrate Jesus' love for the sinner. Jesus' love for us should cause us to (1) accept Him as our Saviour; (2) serve Him as Christians; (3) love Him as He loves us.

Question Time: What was the occasion of these two parables? (v. 2) What did the shepherd do when he found the sheep that was missing? (vv. 5, 6) What spiritual lesson does this teach us? (v. 7)

Wednesday, April 10

Read: John 7:37-53

Learn: "Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink" (John 7:37).

For the Parent: Here is one of the great promises of the infilling of the Holy Spirit that is available to all Christians. Stress how this experience is like a river of water flowing from our lives, bringing life and blessing. Also point out the division of opinion among the Jews concerning Christ.

Question Time: To what does the expression "rivers of living water" refer? (v. 39) Why hadn't the Holy Spirit been given at this time? (v. 39)

Saturday, April 13

Read: Exodus 15:1-21 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "I will sing unto the Lord" (Ex. 15:1).

For the Parent: Review the story of Israel's deliverance from Pharaoh and his army. These verses are the song of praise that Moses and Israel sang unto the Lord, thanking Him for His protection. We should remember that God deserves our praise and worship, and we should be careful to praise Him for all He does for us.

Question Time: Why were the children of Israel praising God? (v. 4) On what grounds did God deliver Israel? (v. 13)



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

► **CROSSETT, ARK.**—The church here has just concluded one of the greatest revivals it has had in many years with Evangelist Charles Mattox of El Dorado, Ark. Some 22 were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number were saved.

—*W. E. Hand, Pastor*

► **ALTON, ILL.**—The Edwards Street Assembly of God just concluded a three-week revival with Evangelist D. C. Ogden. He presented Christ in such a fascinating way that it inspired more loyalty of church members, sincere seeking on the part of those who were hungry for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and conversion for those who needed Christ. The meetings will long be remembered by the church.

—*J. W. Ellsworth, Pastor*

► **HOUSTON, TEX.**—The Radio Revival Church has just closed a most successful 21-day revival in which 24 persons were gloriously saved and many were filled with the Holy Ghost. Evangelist Paul Emerson of Jacksonville, Tex. conducted this meeting, the first in the church. Although the church is only one year old, the new auditorium which seats 400 was comfortably filled each evening thanks to the splendid co-operation of the neighboring churches. During the past three-month period the Sunday School has been well over the 100

mark, and every effort is being made to reach 200. Thanks to the anointed ministry of Brother Emerson, nearly every sinner that attended the meetings found peace with God.

—*Kenneth Berry, Pastor*

► **MARQUAND, MO.**—The church here was wonderfully blessed and inspired during recent evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Glenna Byard. Seven were saved, and six received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The last night of the meeting pledges were taken for the new church building which will be started very soon.

—*Lowell Harris, Pastor*

► **GRASS VALLEY, CALIF.**—On New Year's Eve the church here began special meetings with Evangelist Claude O. Wood of Cupertino, Calif. and continued for two weeks with morning and evening services. Seven gave their hearts to the Lord, and six were filled with the Holy Spirit. The entire church was stirred and given a vision of Pentecost blessing at work in the local church. Since the close of the special meetings, the church has been having two morning prayer meetings each week. In these meetings, two more have been filled with the Holy Spirit. During the past quarter the Sunday School set a new attendance average of 122.

—*Douglas M. Fairrington, Pastor*

► **ODESSA, TEX.**—Evangelist J. B. McDonough of Oklahoma City recently held a splendid meeting in the Bethel Assembly here. Ten souls were saved, one baptized in water, and 25 were added to the church.

—*P. M. Cowin, Jr., Pastor*

► **PLEASANT HOPE, MO.**—Evangelist Paul B. Tinlin and Johnnie Garrison of Central Bible Institute recently closed a week's revival here. Nine souls were saved, two were filled with the Holy Spirit, and several sick folk were healed. Many people attended the church for the first time.

—*Leona Newberry, Pastor*

► **DALLAS, TEX.**—Calvary Tabernacle has just completed a most successful Workers Training course with Evangelist Clarence G. Mitchell of Fort Worth as instructor. Despite very bad weather the attendance was the best in history. The richly anointed teaching, giving intense emphasis to the supernatural, inspired the church with a greater yearning for the manifestation of the Spirit. Fifty certificates were presented at the conclusion of the course. Following the Workers Training, there was a week of good revival meetings which were a great benefit to the church.

—*H. D. Hobbs, Pastor*

► **FRESNO, CALIF.**—The Northeast Assembly of God just concluded a three-week revival with Evangelists David and Doris Godwin of Dallas, Tex. A number were saved and reclaimed, and there were two outstanding healings. The church was moved to a deeper experience with God through the anointed preaching of Brother Godwin. The Sunday School reached a new record of 165. On the last Sunday morning the evangelist made a special appeal for an organ, and in a few minutes \$1,275.00 was at hand. The church is only ten months old and making rapid strides.

—*Thomas H. Fuller, Pastor*

► **PANAMA CITY, FLA.**—The First Assembly of God recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Byron Lee Wright and Musician Paul Myers. There were 70 or 80 who came forward for salvation, many of whom were teen-agers. There were also several who received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The gospel team has a special burden for youth, and Brother Wright's great interest in the Sunday School program was an inspiration to the Sunday School staff. The Sunday School averaged 1101 during the campaign. On one Sunday the teen-age classes were combined and had a grand total of 275 in this one class. Brother Wright taught the class, and at the close approximately 20 knelt for salvation.

—*J. B. Davis, Pastor*



Did you ever see this many teen-agers in one Sunday School class? Actually this is a combination of the teen-age classes of the First Assembly of God, Panama City, Florida, as taught by Evangelist Byron Lee Wright. Out of these 275 students, 20 knelt for salvation at the close of the Sunday School hour.

► **CLINTON, IND.**—Evangelist Lolita Thompson conducted 10 nights of revival meeting here recently. During the meetings a number of new folk attended. Some were deeply impressed with the Pentecostal message.

—Enos J. Bruton, Pastor

► **MANITOU, MANITOBA, CANADA**—Elim Temple of this city and its branch church in Crystal City enjoyed recent evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Bill Scott of Springfield, Mo. There was a real move of the Holy Ghost during the meetings. Twelve young people received the infilling of the Spirit, and several were healed in answer to prayer. Four souls were saved. Mrs. Scott painted beautiful pictures in the Sunday evening services which proved to be a great drawing card. The church enjoyed the musical talent as well as the good preaching. The revival fires continue to burn.

—R. L. Hoover, Pastor

► **ROCK ISLAND, ILL.**—The Christ's Ambassadors of Bethel Assembly recently sponsored a "Crusade for Christ" revival with Evangelist Bill Sharp of Dallas, Tex. The meetings coincided with Youth Week that was sponsored by the Rock Island County Council of Churches. The church was opened every morning at 6 o'clock, and many came to pray before going to work or school. Capacity crowds were reached every night with the inspired preaching of Brother Sharp and his beautiful Bible paintings. There was a great response from the young people. During the week several families came to the Lord and over a dozen teen-agers found Christ. This short revival was one of the best in attendance, and brought a real moving of the Spirit of the Lord.

—George W. Clark, Pastor

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Andalusia	First	April 7-21	Fisher-Cheek	D. W. Norton
	Sylacauga	Full Gospel	April 2-14	Nelson White & wife	E. B. Carter
Ark.	Arkadelphia	First	April 14—	Donald Walker & wife	G. C. Woods
Calif.	Anderson	* A of G	April 14—	Dewey L. Heath	Jack Wien
	Fillmore	* A of G	April 8-13	Virgil Warens & wife	N. E. Carlson
	Garden Grove	First	April 9-21	Harry J. Steil	Ralph Markey
	Lancaster	First	April 9-21	Musical Mathans	Fred Cottriel
	Lynwood	A. of G	April 9-21	Carl Oney & wife	James Ming
	Redlands	A of G	April 14-28	Gene & Ruth Martin	A. K. Moore
	San Bernardino	Del Rosa	April 9—	Thos. Ming, Sr. & wife	Edgar Bransom
	San Luis Obispo	A of G	April 14—	Frank Lummer	Paul Ferguson
	Whittier	First	April 9-21	Dan Kricorian & wife	J. Tinsman
Fla.	Lake City	Everybody's Tab.	April 9-21	Warren D. Combs	Marjorie Patterson
	Panama City	First	April 7-21	Lolita Thompson	J. B. Davis
Ill.	Oak-Park Chicago	Bethel Temple	April 14-21	Robert Cummings	W. L. Williams
Ind.	Merom	A of G	April 9-21	A. F. DiMusto Party	Collins-Phelps
	Terre Haute	First	April 10-21	Christian Hild	Allan Snider
Iowa	Marshalltown	First	April 14-28	Andrew S. Teuber	Mirko Parlotz
	Oskaloosa	A of G	April 14-May 5	Singing Sandalls	Max Johnson
Kans.	Pittsburg	First	April 7—	Alan Davis	Russell Rexroat
Mich.	Chelsea	A of G	April 9-21	J. H. Meppelink	H. J. Meppelink
	Detroit	Calvary	April 9-21	Orrin Kingsriter	Dan D. Roehl
	Detroit	Central	April 9—	Holcombe Brothers	Holland Edmundson
	Ironwood	A of G	April 9-21	Orie Hosmer	Wm. A. Venske
	Meridian	Highway	April 7—	E. H. Sherratt & wife	P. F. Ramsey
	Raytown	First	April 10—	Bob Alsup & wife	John Waugh
Mo.	Springfield	South Side	April 10-21	Musical Vans	Jack West
N. J.	Elizabeth	Trinity Pent.	April 11-21	Harvey McAlister	Allan A. Swift
N. Mex.	Portales	First	April 7-21	J. F. Pepper & wife	Earl G. Vanzant
N. Y.	Buffalo	Pent. Tab.	April 7-21	The Reid Party	Frank Christie
	Hudson Falls	Gosp. Lighthouse	April 7-21	John & Olive Kellner	R. A. Canterbury
Ohio	Medina	A of G	April 9-21	Paul Hild & wife	Martin Baxter
	Mt. Vernon	Trinity	April 9-21	Dean Ash & wife	Lindon A. Ford
	Niles	A of G	April 10-21	Tanner Team	Carl E. Ladd
Okla.	Oklahoma City	Southwest	April 7-21	John DeGolia	H. H. Palmer
	Weleetka	A of G	April 7—	Ethel Hyde	Palmer Bridge
Oreg.	Portland	Evangel Temple	April 7-21	John H. Bostrom	Joseph Dunets
	Salem	Lancaster	April 7-27	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	C. H. Schaberg
Pa.	Connellsville	A of G	April 9-21	Wayne Fagerstrom	E. J. Hatchner
	Pleasantville	A of G	April 4-14	Ron Ripley	Willis Murray
S. Dak.	Rosholt	A of G	April 7-21	Ronetta C. Rabe	Everett Lord
Tex.	Baytown	Trinity Tab.	April 7-21	Jimmy Brown & wife	W. S. Graham
	Ft. Worth	Riverside	April 9-21	Stanley P. MacPherson	E. R. Wilkinson
	Grand Saline	A of G	April 7-21	J. C. Hilburn	J. R. Harris
	Houston	North Side	April 14—	LeRoy Fleck	H. A. Berry
	San Antonio	Woodlawn	March 31—	Glen Shinn & wife	Allen Clauder
Va.	Leemont	Faith	April 7-14	W. C. Nelson	C. C. Garrett

* Workers Training

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WORKERS TRAINING COURSE

DUMAS, ARK.—We enjoyed five nights of Workers Training under the anointed teaching of Sister Jennings of Pine Bluff, Ark. Her teaching was an inspiration to our people.

—G. A. Stubbs, Pastor

THREE CHURCHES CO-OPERATE

SPOKANE, WASH.—The First Assembly in Spokane, Wash. had an interesting and successful Workers Training Course in January. Willard C. Peirce, of Santa Cruz, was the teacher. Brother Peirce's ministry was deep and inspiring. His ministry was profitable to all because of his many years as pastor, Bible School teacher, and evangelist. Two other Assembly churches co-operated with us in this class.

—Wallace S. Bragg, Pastor

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Mar. 31-Apr. 7 at Calvary Temple, Denver, Colo. Speakers: Oswald J. Smith, J. Philip Hogan, Kenneth Godbey, Wesley Hurst Jr., Marbles Moore, and George and Billie Davis.—by Guy A. Davidson, Associate Pastor.

WITH CHRIST

MRS. EDITH M. SHONSTROM, 76, Huntington Park, Calif., went to her eternal reward February 16, 1957. Sister Shonstrom was ordained in 1943. She served as a pastor and as an evangelist.

ZACK W. BULLOCK, 72, Panama City, Fla., went to his heavenly reward February 23, 1957. Brother Bullock was ordained in 1913. He held several pastorates in Florida and Alabama, and also did evangelistic work.

MINISTERING AMONG OUR SERVICEMEN



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THE LIFE THAT COUNTS

(Continued from page three)

strength to overcome all of his fear.

Possibly no part of the Christian's life and experience is more challenging than to be able to find God's perfect will. There are several ways in which God will make clear His leading for our lives. Possibly one of the most common ways in which God speaks to us is through His written Word. By carefully and prayerfully studying the Bible, we can find the revelation of God for us in so many areas of our lives. Reading the Word brings our lives under the influence of God's revealed will. In no instance would God direct us to do that which is at variance with His written Word. In studying the Word of God we should maintain an open heart in order that He may speak to us through this medium.

A second means of discovering the will of God is through deliberate prayer. We must bring ourselves to the place of quietness in the presence of the Lord where we can bare our hearts before Him. This frequently involves a silencing of the competitive, material interests of life which so frequently clamor for our attention. Prayer opens our hearts to spiritual sunlight. Those things within our own hearts that would interfere with the purpose of God are readily recognized in His clear light. By waiting in the presence of God, we develop a sensitiveness to His divine guidance.

In the third place, we should carefully evaluate the providences of God in our lives. The steps of a good man are ordered of God. By living close to God we can discern a pattern being interwoven by those things that providentially come to pass in our lives. Through the most insignificant circumstances or events God may be leading us into the place He has chosen for us.

God also reveals Himself by speaking to us through the still small voice of inner conviction. Many have expected God to speak to them audibly in order to indicate His will. Undoubtedly there are occasions when God does this. However, for the most part, God intends that we, by a disciplined spirit and an open heart, will place ourselves at His disposal. He indicates to us by the inner revelation of His will that which He

would have us to do. By living close to God we cultivate within our hearts a sensitiveness to His leading. There will come to the God-directed life a capacity for spiritual intuition. We do well to heed the promptings and checks of the Holy Spirit.

In finding the perfect will of God, there is always the element of self-abasement. As was true in the life of the Son of God, it is true for each of us. The will of God for Jesus involved a cross. God's will is as high above our will as the heaven is above the earth. In many cases His will is at variance with what would seem to be the human, natural tendency. In finding the perfect will of God we must be willing to crucify selfish desires and ambitions. We must empty ourselves of pride. In perfect humility we must submit ourselves to the high claims of His will.

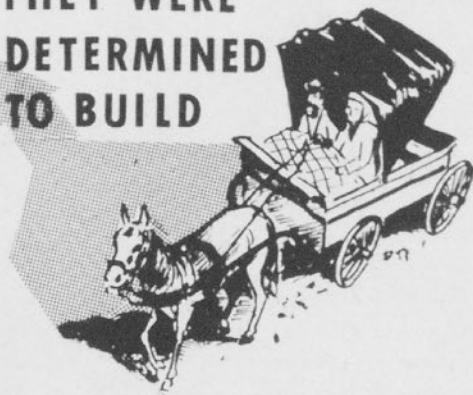
The will of God is often a progressive revelation. 1 John 1:7 declares, "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." Walking with God brings us into an ever-expanding revelation of His will. Obedience to our present vision qualifies us for further revelation of God's higher purposes for our lives.

We need not be seized with a feeling of frustration. We should walk in confidence in the present light of God's will until we know positively what further God would have us do. We are never in actual rebellion to the will of God until we are fully sure what is God's will. Any time which is necessary for us to take in determining the will of God is in no sense lost time. We should carefully seek to know the will of God in all of its fullness. Upon learning God's will for our lives, we should act without delay to obey God in all of His plan and purpose.

The song writer has so beautifully stated the truth of the joy we have when we delight in the will of God:

"Oh, we never can know what the Lord will bestow
Of the blessings for which we have prayed,
Till our body and soul He doth fully control,
And our all on the altar is laid." ◀ ◀

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Only a handful! But that handful of dedicated believers were determined to build for Christ. Persecution, ridicule, obstacles only intensified their loyalty to God and to His work. Their consecration to the task and to His cause was complete. They built up the kingdom of Christ. We thank God for their dogged persistence which laid the foundation for our church today.

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HUMAN TORCH

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be accepted with my face marred and scarred to the extent of having no features. How can I preach without eyes, ears, nose, lips, legs, and arms? Lord, it's an impossibility." My soul lay bare before my Saviour. I was now "in a place where God could speak to me." The peace of a full dedication came over me, and I began to sing:

"Long my stubborn will kept saying to the Master,
'I must have my way, and do as I desire,'
But when I beheld the suffering Redeemer,
I repented and I felt His cleansing power.

"In the center of His will my soul is resting,
Resting from the strife that raged within my breast.

Like a bird that's found its nest,
So my soul has found its rest
In the center of the will of God."

The day that I had so anxiously awaited finally arrived—the day the bandages were to be removed. It took several hours. When at last the doctor saw my face, he couldn't contain himself. "My God, son, this is a miracle!" he said.

The doctors had concluded that I would have no nose, lips, ears, or facial features whatsoever. But again

the doctor repeated, "My God, son, this is a miracle!"

The doctor went on to say that he had heard of miracles taking place in other physicians' practices but had never had one occur in his own. He turned to his nurse and asked that she call Dr. Miller to bring a camera to the hospital immediately and "take a picture of this boy."

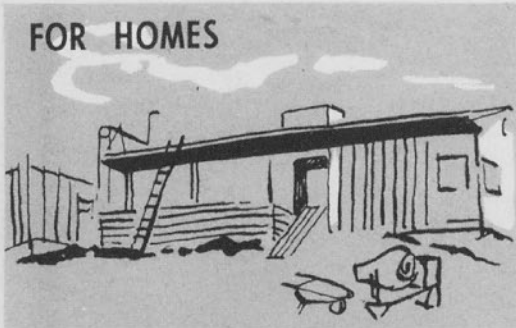
(Today only one small scar remains on my right hand. It reminds me constantly of God's call upon my life, His power to heal, and His immeasurable love.)

Two and one-half months after entering the emergency room, I walked out to the car and drove home. Life was beautiful! I entered Central Bible Institute in preparation for the ministry, realizing that I was in the center of God's will.

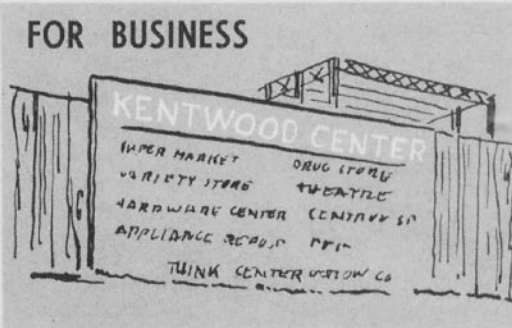
What would have happened if God had not dealt with me as He did? I dread thinking about it. Thank God for His mercy! Today, I am traveling constantly in evangelistic meetings, with my wife and baby girl, to tell others of God's power to heal.

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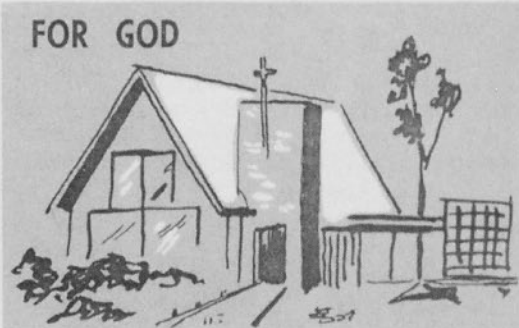
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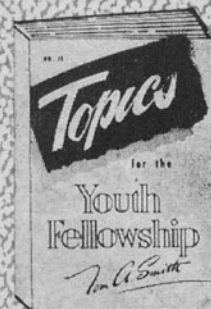
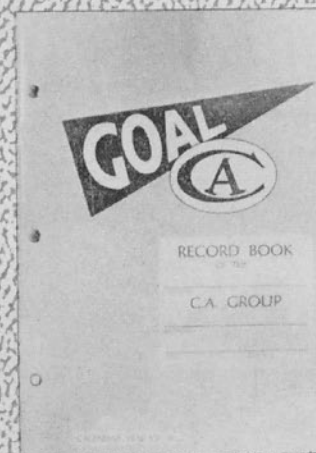
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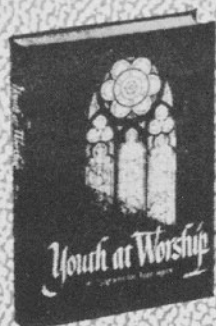
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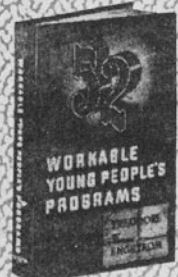
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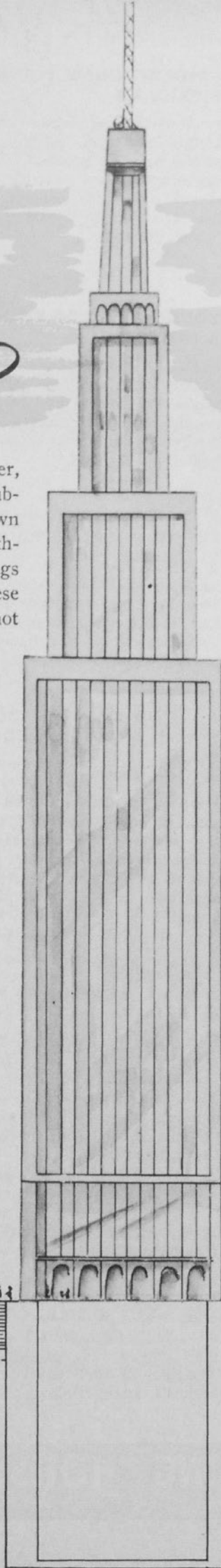
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